

Drugs squad strike Lebanese Gold in swoop on Essex village



Customs officials aboard the schooner Robert Gordon in the River Crouch yesterday after seizing a multi-million-pound cargo of cannabis. RIGHT: The Customs patrol boat Active alongside the two-masted vessel moored at the Baltic Wharf, on the south bank of the river.

THE BLACK SCHOONER WITH A £7m CANNABIS CARGO

By JOHN SHAW

IT WAS a non-descript, rather dull day in North Fambridge when the Robert Gordon, a two-masted Baltic trader registered in Aberdeen, slid into the River Crouch and passed the yacht moorings at the picturesque village near Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, early on Thursday.

Mrs Millicent Nicholson, whose house on stilts overlooks the river, said: "I was in bed when my husband said: 'Look at that boat coming up the river.'

"I could see it quite clearly; it was huge — about 85ft long — much bigger than any of the yachts we normally see on the Crouch.

"It came up on the high tide about 7.45 a.m. passed the moorings and then turned round, because the river gets shallower as you go upstream."

"It almost touched the bank on either side as it turned, and it then dropped anchor just outside the yacht club moorings and lay there all day."

Mrs Nicholson, an artist who exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1958 and is now carrying out a sculpture commission for the North Fambridge Yacht Station, added: "It stuck in my mind because it was so very unusual and so different from the other yachts."

It was one of the first sightings of a vessel that brought a night of drama to the village as six tons of top-quality Lebanese Gold cannabis were seized in a combined operation by Essex police and the Customs.

Cancelled train

The drug, in plastic sacks, has a street value of approximately £7,200,000.

In a tight-security operation — code-named Bishop — involving armed police the tiny community was completely sealed off from the outside world. All householders were stopped as they tried to enter or leave on the single road to Fambridge, and police halted the train at North Fambridge station.

A routine evening suddenly became dramatic for many villagers. Mrs Michelle Fortune, of Fambridge Road, encountered the security as she returned with a friend from her Spanish evening class, one of whom was Mrs Fortune.

She said: "We were stopped, and all of a sudden a man who looked like an SAS man appeared at the car window. He had sort of a dirty face, a woollen hat and a navy jumper. He said: 'There are lots of police about, put your lights out.'

"We turned down into Stephenson Road. There is a new house down there that is still being built. It is empty at present, but it was surrounded by people with guns. We were told: 'This is an operation.'

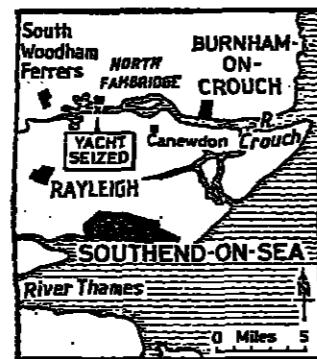
"We were directed across the road to Bridge House, which was occupied by a which. They were very good about it; we locked the doors and had a drink."

It starts with a tip in Morocco

By TIM BROWN
in Madrid

THE southern Spanish port of Algeciras across the bay from Gibraltar is the nerve centre in the non-stop operation to contain the vast hash-running operation that starts from the marajuana plantations in the Rif mountains of Morocco and ends in Northern Europe.

The port, known as "the marijuana gateway to Europe", is the landing point from Tangier and the Spanish North African enclave of Ceuta for "camels," the drivers of



"We looked out of the window and saw them pointing their guns with their arms in front of them, the way they see on television."

"They were long, rifle-type guns. We saw them set one prisoner. He was laid across a vehicle and handcuffed. They had two men altogether and transferred them from a white van to a red car."

"Flares were shot up into the air, and everything. Then they said we could go. Everybody was very calm about it all."

"It was very much like you see on the television. You didn't have time to be shocked, because you'd seen it all before, if you know what I mean. They talked about the A team, and you sort of took it as normal."

Lights out

Mrs Anne-Marie Groves, of Bridge House, said: "About 7 p.m. two men were seen going into one of the new houses opposite. We thought they were workmen doing overtime, but they were really police observers."

"Then a policeman came to the door. He had a dirty face and wore a black balaclava helmet and said there was a problem in the village — could we look after these two ladies, one of whom was Mrs Fortune."

"He said we should switch all the lights off in the front rooms and stay in the back of the house until further notice."

"Later in the evening they said there had been a drugs raid in the village."

The white painted house is next to the hump-back railway bridge and Mrs Groves said that a policeman later told her that a rented van had been stopped by the bridge and some men had been arrested.

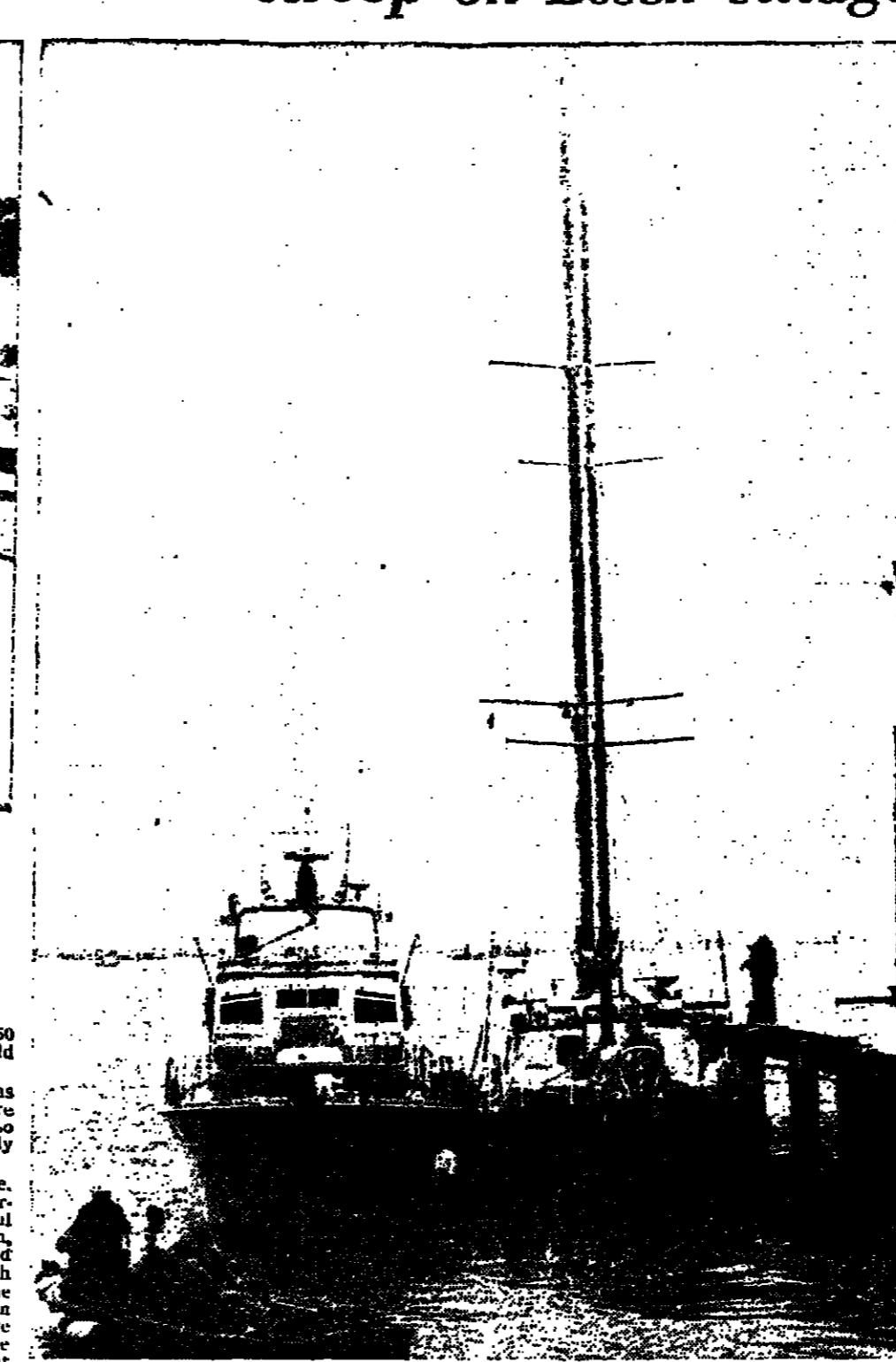
The action switched to the riverside about 10.30 to 10.45. Mr Bill Novce, licensee of the Ferry Boat Inn, a pub about 1,000 yards from the river, said: "It was a normal evening, and then the people came."

Interpol to the authorities of other countries.

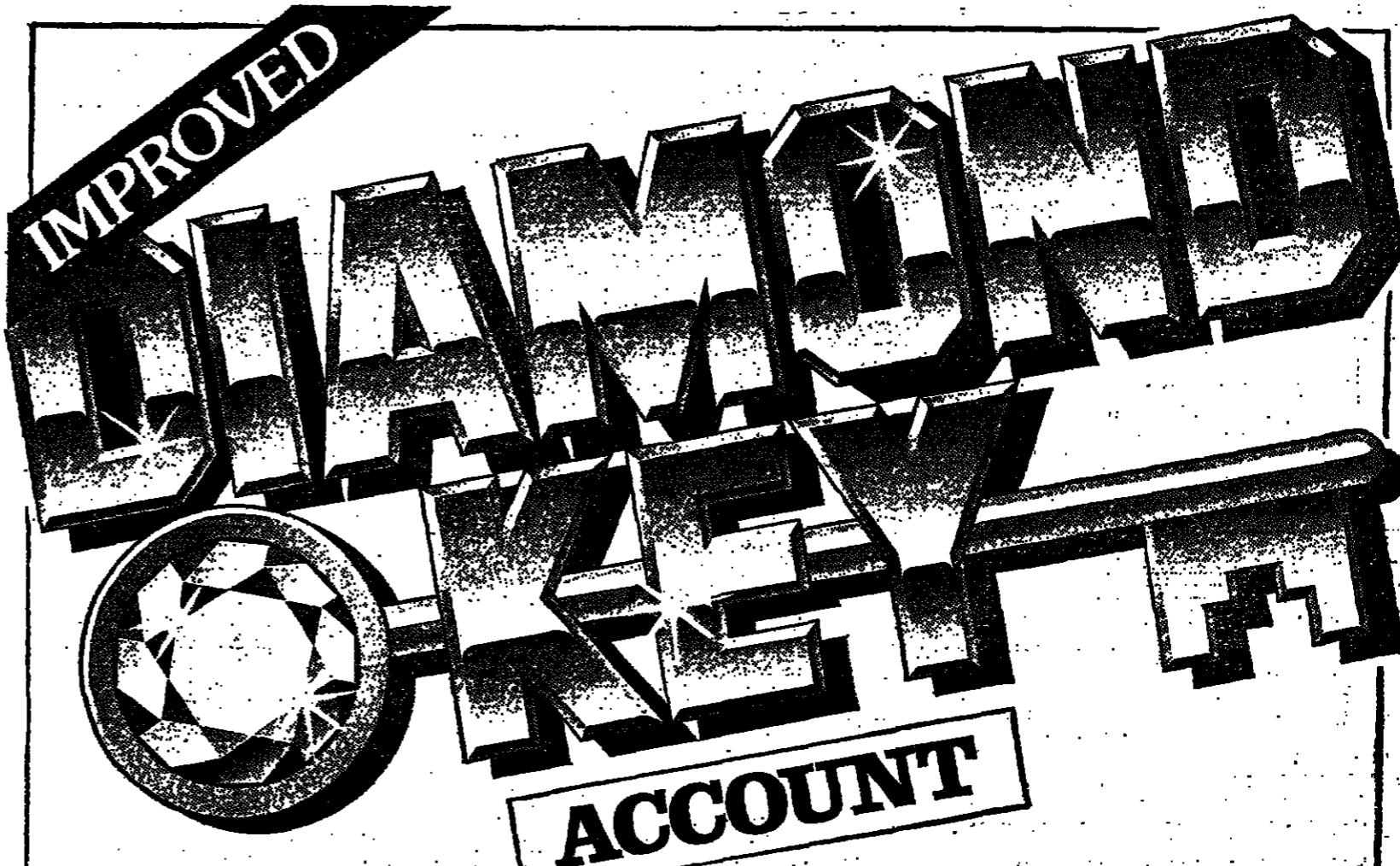
Nearly every British "camel" arrested in Spain for drug-running can expect an official visit from a Customs and Excise man who is sent to Spain to find out where the hash was being taken and, if possible, to try and throw some light on the organisers of the smuggling.

Co-operation against the hash runners is an efficient and closely guarded operation between police and customs authorities of all European countries.

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Lame widow, 70, raided bank to pay off debts

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

A BANK manager's widow, aged 70 and troubled by arthritis, resorted to bank robbery in an effort to settle heavy debts, said Mr PETER DOYLE, prosecuting, at the Old Bailey yesterday.

PEGGY BARLOW, who walks with a stick, held up the National Westminster in Kensington High Street, demanding £85,000.

She failed when she allowed the manager time to gather enough money and he pressed the "panic button," the court was told.

Mr BRIAN BARKER, defending, described it as a "story almost beyond belief."

He told the court Mrs Barlow had been threatened with bankruptcy, and virtually every day had people knocking on her door demanding money and dropping letters through her postbox.

Judge sympathised

The Recorder of London, Sir JAMES ASKIN, sympathised with Mrs Barlow's plight after she admitted demanding money with menaces and assaulting and intimidating a bank customer. She was freed with a nine-month suspended jail sentence.

Outside court Mrs Barlow, a mother of two, who was described as having led a "socially splendid and responsible life" said her once-only excursion into crime had resulted from a "sudden aberration," a brain-storm.

"It was quite ridiculous when I look back. I could never have got away with it. I travelled to the bank by bus and I've got a bad leg, so there was no way I could have escaped."

"I can't yet believe that I



Mrs. Peggy Barlow: armed with a perfume spray.

did it, but I was desperate at the time. It was as if someone else did it, as it was detached from reality. I think Agatha Christie would have been in her element with the plot."

Mrs Barlow, of North End Road, Fulham, added that her financial problems had now been resolved by selling her cottage and she was thankful to police and the judge for "showering her with kindness."

Armed police

The prosecution said the June 12 raid by Mrs Barlow, who was widowed in 1975 and had debts of £70,000, could have cost her her life because armed detectives were alerted to the scene.

She allegedly told police: "I wasn't going to hurt anybody," and explained she had got the raid idea "from too much television."

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REAGAN SET FOR BIG WIN AS 1940s SLUR IS RAISED

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington and IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

IN spite of bombings in Beirut, "happy warrior" jokes about destroying Russia, and a Cabinet member accused of fraud, President Reagan has emerged unscathed from the American election campaign so far.

A new and exhaustive opinion poll shows he is maintaining a huge lead over his Democratic challenger, Mr Walter Mondale, and that if the election were held today he would win by a landslide.

The survey, carried out for the Washington Post and ABC Television, was conducted among 2,000 voters across the country.

In Los Angeles, racial issue was the main issue raised against Mr Reagan yesterday, but it dated back 40 years and concerned only the deeds of plots of land.

In a report carried by United Press International, Mr Reagan was accused of buying and selling four plots of land in Los Angeles in the 1940s for which the deeds stipulated that only whites, except for servants, could live on the property.

Racial restrictions on property were not uncommon at the time and were not ruled unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court until 1948.

The 2,000-voter election survey shows that Mr Reagan has an overall lead of 55 per cent to 37 per cent, is ahead of Mr Mondale in 49 of the 50 states.

Mr Reagan went off happily to his mountain retreat at Camp David yesterday to make final preparations for his televised debate with Mr Mondale

in Louisville, Kentucky, tomorrow.

Most observers agree the debate will favour Mr Mondale since of the first opportunities to shine against Mr Reagan a second debate is due in Kansas City, Missouri, on Oct. 21.

The two Vice-Presidential contenders, Mr George Bush and Mrs. Geraldine Ferraro, are to have a debate of their own in Philadelphia on Thursday.

ON BRITISH TV Presidential debates

Our TV AND RADIO CORRESPONDENT writes: Both BBC and ITV will be showing the Presidential debates almost complete on British television the day after they are held.

The first Reagan-Mondale exchange (Louisville, tomorrow) will be seen on BBC1 on Monday from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and on Channel 4, courtesy of ITN, from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Bush-Ferraro debate (Philadelphia on Thursday) will be shown at roughly the same times on both channels on Friday.

The Reagan-Mondale debate in Kansas City on Oct. 21 will be shown on Oct. 22.

Marcos in clash with archbishop

By IAN WARD
in Singapore

PRESIDENT MARCOS of the Philippines made it clear on television yesterday he was prepared to arrest the country's Roman Catholic Archbishop, Cardinal Jaime Sin, 56, who he accused of encouraging bloody revolution.

On Wednesday, Cardinal Sin urged Filipinos to "join the parliament of the streets" in public but non-violent demonstrations against the Government.

His urgings prompted protest leaders to announce a big anti-government rally for tomorrow.

On television, President Marcos, 67, left no doubt he intended strong action against those going to the streets. But demonstration leaders last night shrugged off these threats.

The Archbishop has strongly criticised the Marcos regime's use of excessive force to disperse protesters who massed for a march on the Presidential Palace in Manila on March 27.

'MILITARY PLOT'

Aquino murder

A member of the commission investigating the murder of the Philippine Opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, said yesterday it had concluded the military conspired to kill him.

But the members said the panel's report was delayed because of differences over whether there was sufficient evidence to implicate the Armed Forces chief, Gen Fabian Ver. — Reuter.

BOMBERS TO DIE

Six anti-Government rebels

have been sentenced to death

for a series of bombings in the northern city of Hargeish, Somalia. — U.P.L.



King Juan Carlos embracing an old friend when they met yesterday at the Military Academy in Zaragoza, where they were officer cadets on the same course.

BAYONET DEATHS ARRESTS

By IAN MILLS
in Harare

A BULAWAYO magistrate has ordered the arrest of four soldiers from the North Korean-trained 5th Brigade after an inquest into the deaths of four people.

The magistrate, Mr Gordon Beddes, said the four soldiers, two corporals and two privates, would be held while the Attorney-General decided whether to prosecute.

The inquest was told that a black Army Lieutenant, Edis Nohbion, his 21-year-old wife Jennifer and two unidentified civilians were killed — three of them bayoneted — after being stopped at a roadside in the southern Limpopo area last year.

In a bizarre twist to events this week, a man named in inquest documents as "Unknown" was among those killed turned out to be a prince. Mr Joe Mpabanga said he had escaped in a van driven by two whites.

Farm killings

The High Court trial of a man accused of murdering four people, including a legal secretary from York, Miss Sandra Bennett, ended yesterday with closing statements from defence and prosecution.

Mr Justice Barnabas Samata will give his verdict later.

Phinias Ndhlovu, 32, an illiterate, charged with murdering Senator Farai Savio, 29, Miss Bennett, the attempted murder of the Senator's wife, Betty, and the murder of an African woman two weeks later.

Assets seized

The Zimbabwe Government has seized the assets of 12 whites known to have left the country since independence in 1980, including Mr Frank Gerickie, a former Army captain freed from prison in a daring raid by foreign agents

Fugitives swell embassy sit-in for passage West

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

MORE East Germans yesterday gained access to the West German Embassy in Prague to join about 80 compatriots already seeking asylum there.

Bonn temporarily closed the embassy on Thursday night to halt the influx of refugees.

But a group, of up to 10 men, women and children yesterday climbed fencing at the back of the embassy after finding the front and side doors closed.

Earlier Herr Boenisch, the chief Bonn spokesman, told a Press conference yesterday that about 80 East Germans, including more than 20 children, had crossed the "impressive" Baroque embassy building, forcing its closure.

Many refugees had invaded the embassy in the past few days, he said, but some had been there for about 10 days.

He appealed to other East Germans not to follow their example as it made matters more difficult for the 10,000 who had applied to the East German authorities to be allowed out to the West.

Favourite havens

Herr Boenisch stressed that the Czech Government had applied no pressure on Bonn and the closure was a sovereign decision of the West German Government.

He confirmed that East Berlin was making it clear that while willing to allow the asylum seekers freedom from arrest if they returned home, it was not prepared to grant them exit visas to the West.

Czechoslovakia is the only country East Germans can visit without a visa.

The presence of the refugees in the Prague embassy is an acute embarrassment to East Germany which this weekend is marking the 35th anniversary of its foundation with elaborate celebrations.

Ironically, one of the celebratory mottos is "The German Democratic Republic is my home."

Streets have been festooned with red banners and slogans, while buildings have been restored, cleaned and repainted for the anniversary for which Mr Gromyko, the veteran Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday arrived in East Berlin, at the head of the Soviet delegation.

A massive military parade tomorrow will mark the climax of the anniversary and the

most prominent answer those in the West who successfully sought asylum in Prague was Frau Lydia Berg, the niece of Herr Steph, East German Prime Minister.

In the past, a safe passage has been secured for asylum-seekers through delicate negotiations between the two German states and unpublicized cash payments by Bonn.

But East Berlin has since hardened its stand and told Bonn it would no longer grant exit visas to citizens who try to force the issue.

In a separate development, Herr Boenisch said yesterday that East Germany was allowing relatives of six East German sports trainers and doctors now in the West to join them. They had recently staged hunger strikes and demonstrations to Press for relatives to be allowed out to the West.

MISSILES FROM MOSCOW

Honecker stresses link

Roger GROVE in Moscow writes: Herr Honecker, East Germany's leader, stressed his country's "indissoluble" link with the Soviet Union yesterday as Mr Gromyko, Foreign Minister, left Moscow to attend Berlin's 35th Communist anniversary celebrations.

The additional deployment of missiles on East German soil — found the full consent and support of the citizens of this country, he said.

Germany would never be reunited, he said. "The two states exist and two they will remain."

Argentina to let Chile have war-scare isles

By MARY SPECK in Buenos Aires

ARGENTINA and Chile, with the help of the Pope, have reached agreement to end a century-old dispute over islands off Tierra del Fuego which led them to the brink of war in 1978.

A dozen tiny islets in the area of the Beagle Channel, at the tip of South America, are to go to Chile.

News of the agreement was announced simultaneously in Buenos Aires, Santiago and Rome.

The Chilean and Argentine delegations in Rome will continue to work on final touches to the proposed treaty which has never been made public, according to an official statement.

Foreign ministry sources said the treaty gave sovereignty over about a dozen islands at the eastern mouth of the Beagle Channel to Chile, which has occupied most of them since the end of the 19th century.

But the agreement also reportedly guaranteed Argentina rights to the waters between the continents of South America and Antarctica.

Air-raid fear

Argentina had previously rejected any agreement which violated the so-called "bi-oceanic principle" of giving Argentina rights to the Atlantic and Chile rights to the Pacific.

In 1977 the then military Government in Argentina rejected an agreement granting Chile control over the islands, which had been proposed by a world court in Geneva and approved by the British Crown.

Argentina three years later refused to accept or reject the proposal by the Pope which reportedly again confirmed Chilean sovereignty over virtually all the islands.

The Pope's mediation began in 1979, after a series of frustrated negotiations.

BAN ON BAPTISM REJECTED

By Our Athens Correspondent

By 61 votes to two Greece's Holy Synod of bishops rejected yesterday a proposal by a group of conservative bishops that children of couples who had civil weddings, not church services, should not be allowed baptism.

The proposal came from Bishop Agapitos, 69, of Florina, northern Greece, who heads a conservative group opposed to reforms within the Greek Orthodox Church.

Two years ago Greece became the last Western country to permit civil marriage.

MINTOFF TERROR FOR TEACHERS

By CHARLES LAURENCE in Valletta

MALTA'S striking teachers said yesterday they faced increasing intimidation from Mr Dom Mintoff's Socialist regime as disputes involving both State and Church-run schools continued.

Names and private addresses of 500 lay teachers from 172 Church schools have been circulated by the Ministry of Education to Government supporters in trade unions and local labour clubs.

Rash of attacks

The Church schools were closed by the Archbishop of Malta, Monsignor Joseph Mercieca, in protest at the Mintoff Government's enforced closure of eight and plan to integrate all into the State system.

Three thousand State school teachers are on strike in a separate issue over pay and conditions. The teachers' union, the Movement of United Teachers, reported a rash of attacks on members and their homes.

Fear of violence, which is running deep, has been increased by the failure of Vatican talks on Thursday, involving Mr Mintoff and Monsignor Mercieca, to make any progress on the Church school issue. Mr Mintoff flew back to Malta yesterday.

CHILE STRIKE CALL

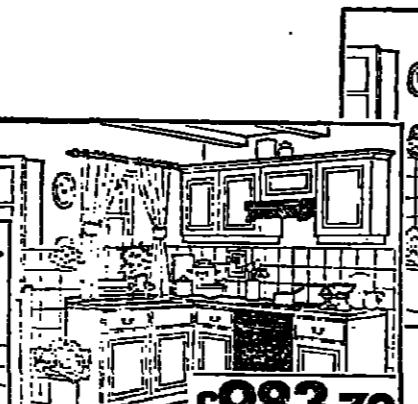
Opposition labour unions have called a one-day general strike in Chile on Oct. 30 in a fight for a return to democracy after 11 years of military rule.

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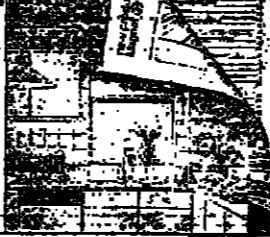
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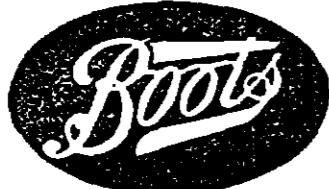
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Labour votes to open talks on Falklands

INQUIRY CALL INTO WEB OF DECEIT OVER BELGRANO

By WILLIAM WEEKES

A JUDICIAL inquiry into the sinking of the cruiser General Belgrano was demanded by the Labour conference which ended in Blackpool yesterday.

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the party, said an inquiry under the terms of the 1921 Tribunals of Inquiries Act was the best hope of getting the full truth.

"The fact of the sinking, loss of life and the effect on the prospects of a negotiated peace in itself justified an inquiry," he claimed.

"Since that demand was first made and the truth began to drip out, another fact has emerged to make the inquiry essential."

"It is now beyond dispute that the Prime Minister deceived the House of Commons, and through the House of Commons deceived the people of this country."

"The Government consciously and cynically withheld and distorted the truth, and then wove an elaborate web of deceit to cover up the initial deception."

Price of pride

The behaviour of the Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs was "one of the extraordinary things which has to be investigated."

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WORLD OF BOOKS

DAVID HOLLOWAY

A word for everything

IF there is one book that is anything in most houses, perhaps even more often than the Bible, it is a dictionary. Dictionaries of all kinds sell in millions. And since the language is always changing, of the making of new ones there is no end.

So far as I know there has never been a survey of why people use dictionaries. The first purpose, I suppose, must be to check the spelling of words. I am by nature a careless speller but I did have the advantage of being made to learn lists of words when I was young, so "hard" words give me no problems but I do look up some English words which by the very nature of things look wrong when they are in fact, right.

Worrying over correctness in spelling seems to be going out of fashion. I cannot see why insisting at least that they should "know" that a word is wrongly spelt—and that they must correct it the next time they use it—should be a brake on the creativity of children. But then I also believe in the teaching of the rules of grammar, something I gather, now frowned upon in many progressive places.

The second most regular use for a dictionary is the discovery of meaning. Here, of course, the compilers of a new work are against it. Are they to give the, so to speak, "received" meaning of the word or must they, even if it is against their will, give first the latest version. Dr Robert Burchfield, the editor of the Oxford English Dictionary, has told me that a dictionary must reflect current usage and not defend the rams parts against change.

Yes, but... Take our old friend "protagonist". This was the word used for the leading actor in a Greek play. Later the word was extended to mean the chief mover in any affair. Steadily it has slipped to mean any number of leading figures in

— in the new "Longman Dictionary of the English Language" (1965) published on Monday we find as the third meaning: "A player, competitor, or contender in a sport or game."

Another method has been suggested to me by Prof. Randolph Quirk, who has written the foreword for the new "Longman". He says put new dictionaries on your desk for a month and see how it stands up to use. My advance copy of "Longman" has had fairly hard use for some weeks and stands up well. As a middle-size dictionary: shorter than the "Shorter Oxford" and longer than the "Collins English Dictionary" (225,000 references to 162,000, though I am not sure that is an exactly fair comparison), it is a good workhorse and wonderfully printed.

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Or you can look for favorite words and see how they fare. I was told the other day that a man who worked on Chambers' dictionaries for most of his life always judged the worth of a new publication in his field by reading the definitions of just two words—"sex" and "fact". It is as good as any other, and a lot quicker than most.

So you, I wonder, wish to read: "The eleven protagonists of Manchester United were over the moon." It adds a new horror to sports reporting.

The third use of a dictionary is checking pronunciation. Here again there must be trouble. Even in this country we use different, though sounds. Obviously, no dictionary can cope with giving both the northern and southern pronunciations of, say, "past". Generally southern vowels prevail: Longman "gives" "past" as "paast".

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CHESS

HAD you told any 10,000 chess players before the world championship match started: "Karpov will be leading 5-0 after seven games," the unanimous response would have been "Rubbish!". Of about 30 grand masters questioned on the first day, only one would commit himself at all, so close did they consider the contest—and that one plumped for Karpov!

Many factors seem suddenly so clear, we feel we must have been blinded. Karpov's inexperience in match play: he had beaten Beliavsky, Kortchnoi and Smyslov in this year's preliminaries; but no more. Whereas Karpov, though he did get the title without moving a pawn when Fischer dropped out in 1975, has had two gruelling matches with a younger and stronger Kortchnoi than Karpov encountered.

Karpov has revealed an unexpected inability to vary his approach and temper his superb combinative skill with solid positional play when the circumstances demand it.

The sixth game proved crucial. In my opinion, that game lost him the seventh as well, though his superb combinative skill with solid positional play when the circumstances demand it.

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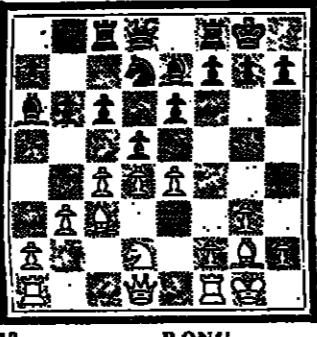
Karpov has rather fallen for this move. Usually the bishop returns to N2 but, notably, not this time.

5 P-N3 B-N5ch

6 B-Q2

7 R-N2 Castles
8 Castles P-Q4
9 N-K5 P-B3
10 B-QB3 KN-Q2
11 N-N
12 N-Q2 R-B1
13 P-K1

The position is even.



White should probably have played 13 R-K1 before P-K4. Now he'd like to reply with 14...P-B5, putting half Black's force to sleep, but then 14...P-N5 would win R for B. In a club match game Sjöberg v Chernin, in which White had not castled or Black moved R-QB1, Black after 12 P-K4 P-QN4 13 P-B5 played 15...P-N5, sacrificing a pawn to keep White's king in the centre and won in 30 moves, so Karpov should have known of the dangers of... P-QN4.

14 R-K1 QPxPBP
15 PxP N-N3
16 PxP PxP
17 R-QB1?

Probably the losing move. 17 B-N2 looks wiser.

17... B-R6

18 R-B2 N-R5

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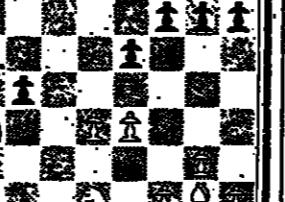
19 B-QR1 R-R4

20 QxR Q-R4

Now 21 N-N5 would allow

21...QxRch. As 21...R-QB1 is threatened, White retreats the queen to protect the rook.

21 Q-Q1 R-QB1



To compare the two diagrams is to witness sheer horror. Whereas Black has brought his every piece into dominating play, White's position has actually deteriorated.

22 N-N3 Q-N5
23 P-Q5 PxP
24 PxP N-B6

Winning a pawn, for if the attacked queen "protects" the QRP, Black (e.g. after 25 Q-Q2 or B2, the knight captures it just the same. Sometimes such a capture would place the knight out of play but here all the play is in that area.

If the latter, then here is evidence that even birds can take decisions, something we normally assume is the prerogative of man, with his greater brain power.

That house martins do not

site their nests at random is suggested by what happens each year on certain large buildings with a wide frontage. The rain falling on the roof runs down into a long guttering supported by 17 evenly spaced brackets. Each bracket is made by a pair of martins to support their nest. The very regularity of the nests is striking. Even more so is the evidence that house martins do not build at random but carefully select as a site one that has some structural advantage.

NATURE

On vacation

THE HOUSE martins have gone. They went, seemingly suddenly. Soon they will reach South Africa, where they will spend what is our winter. The only visible signs that they spent the summer here are their neat mud nests under the eaves.

Next spring they will return, those that survive the hazards of the long double journey. They will use the same nests, of such as survive, for empty homes, human or avian, invite the attention of vandals.

Sparrows are the usual culprits, mainly by occupying the empty nests, largely because they have no ability to repair them. So the nests fall leaving a faint outline of mud to mark the site.

The interesting point is that as the rule, a pair will rebuild the nest, choosing the same site as last year. So we are left to suppose that this is due either to an uncanny fidelity to the former nesting site or because this is the best site, having regard to all the factors.

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Between them Julie Walters' bedridden, maddened May and John Charlton's dapper Eddie indicate without wholly realising the lover's obsession. But they indicate enough to let us see the quality of Shepard's play.

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Even the terrible and absurd banging on walls is less preposterous and frightening than it should be. The play still survives, and never loses its grip for its 90 minutes without interval.

John Barber

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ARTS

TERENCE MULLALY

Reawakening London's dreams

UNEXPECTED delights are still to be found round every corner in the City of London. It is right that the art gallery in the City's own art centre, the Barbican, should remind us of this.

With the exhibition "Getting London in Perspective" continuing until Oct. 28, it does in effective fashion, although there is an old contradiction involved. The drawings on view are almost all precise perspective studies produced by or for architects, but many of them

Joseph Paxton had the splendid idea for "The Great Victorian Way". It was to be a vast arcade, 72ft. wide, circling the whole of central London. Here as with so much else, his thinking was wild in advance of his time. Even today, more than 100 years later, Paxton's "Great Victorian Way" sounds like an ideal solution to many of London's traffic problems, for it was to cater for heavy traffic and was at the same time to incorporate several railways and walkways. What is more, the vast arcade was to include shops and houses.

It is necessary to do so, for we go on making a mess of attempts to improve the amenities and appearance of London. A painfully obvious example of this is the dispute about the proposed extension to the National Gallery.

What is particularly British is that when it comes to architecture, and the same is true of all the arts, we seem to imagine that everybody's opinion, however ill-qualified he may be either academically or in terms of judgment, is worth having. Such an approach has never been conducive to great art.

How infinitely preferable all this would have been by the dreary raised walkways which today fill the area between the Museum of London and the Barbican. Yet it is to the architectural world that we should turn for a solution to the many street full character. It is possible to concentrate upon the many reminders in this exhibition of what we can find in these streets.

The first item in the exhibition establishes this optimistic note, for it is a watercolour by Philip Hardwick of his splendid Euston Arch, reaffirms how criminal it was that it was demolished in 1961-62. Or to move to the geographical and emotional heart of London, what a muddle, and not an attractive one, Piccadilly Circus remains. Other countries may take a view of too many State planning, but we certainly need to do more to overrule our property interests.

Far better to turn to the dreams and this exhibition is full of them. At the beginning there are two engravings, of 1748, showing Inigo Jones's designs for Whitehall Palace; if his ideas had been adopted, Wren and John Webb had been carried out we would have had in London something like the Louvre or the Escorial.

Nor were grandioses schemes limited to Whitehall. Much later in the exhibition a water-colour records that in the 1850s

the last section of the exhibition is devoted to "Today and Tomorrow." The range is from imaginative acts of conservation such as the restoration of Whitbread's Chiswell Street Brewery to such a welcome new projects like Hay's Galleria, which will be constructed over Bay's Dock in "London Bridge City".

ARTS REVIEWS

THEATRE / Fool for Love

The erotic prison

THE GRITTY comedy is short-changed in Peter Gill's production of Sam Shepard's most impressive "Fool for Love" at the Cottesloe.

Otherwise, this brief blow-torch of a drama burns pretty well as fiercely as it did when I saw it off Broadway earlier this year.

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Really it is just a room than a partition, so Eddie kicks and hurl themselves at the walls as they try to come to terms with a sexual fury so huffy and so ferocious it sometimes recalls the theatre of Racine.

An early line says it all: "I don't need you... Don't go!" It is spoken by desperate young May, who could willingly kill both Eddie—her lover for 15 years, since high school—and the wealthy woman for whom he left her. Now she is back, after driving 2,000 miles, avid to see her.

She spouts words of hate before they fall into a hungry embrace. It ends with her cruelly dismembering him in the insolence of his ridicule. But humour is often more. She doubts him even when she sees his eyes.

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The room is in cowboy country gone stale. Broncos, rifles and lassos, dead bodies,

and irreducibly perverse.

The fact is he can make this music sound as fresh and exhilarating as the day it was written through a reading which is at once thoroughly individual and irresistibly persuasive.

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CROSS-COUNTRY skis are for going places. That's why they were invented, over 3,000 years ago. Today, cross-country skiing, or langlauf, or Nordic skiing, or simply XC, is a vastly popular winter activity, but its basic attraction remains the same: to go it, and you can really travel the winter world.

Nordic skiing is best imagined as an extension of summer walking or rambling. As such, it will appeal to all who like walking, to family groups, to those skiers who have tired of downhill ski slopes, and to joggers and runners.

Another two attractions of Nordic skiing are cost and comfort. Hire costs are low and a complete set of cross-country equipment, skis, boots, poles and bindings, can be purchased for a little over £100. While there are snazzy Nordic ski-suits about, most people get along happily in comfortable, outdoor clothes.

Learning the basic techniques need take only a few days, but it pays to have proper instruction, for Nordic skiing does require good technique. Once that has been acquired, the skier glides along with the minimum of effort.

Cross-country skiers can go anywhere there is snow, which means most places in Europe over 1,000m, and last winter we went off to the Ardèche country of Southern France for a short tour across the hills of the Vivarais.

The Vivarais is beautiful, rolling country, a paradise for walkers in summer. We took a train south from Le Puy and began by striking out across country from the crossroads at Quatre-Routes.

From St-Eulalie we struck through the woods, but the benefit with skis is that a long climb up means a long slide down. On the first day we took it fairly easy, covering only twelve miles, and spent the night in a small hotel, or gîte d'étape, in the village of Chaudoyrolles.

At that height in January it is cold even on a clear, almost windless day so, with a certain sense of pioneering, we set off immediately, carrying our skis up to the very top to find the start of the track which other skiers—delivered by the same method—had made the previous day.

Twenty minutes later, as we sat propped against our skis in a sheltered hollow, enjoying the sun and watching less privileged souls moving like ant-colonies on the pistes far below, we realised the rare joy of heli-skiing—being alone with the snow and mountain scenery in a way that ordinary lift-access never allows.

It was a superb experience, even though the somewhat heavy snow was far from ideal for off-piste skiing and even though, with a four-minute helicopter ride and under an

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Courmayeur, earning the Italians a good reputation

By
Stephanie Ponsford

ONE of the great joys of skiing at Courmayeur, in Italy's Aosta Valley, is being able to go off for the day across four massive mountain faces knowing that there will always be a good restaurant within reach.

Two dozen Alpine chalets, some scarcely more than shepherd's huts, turn a routine ski into an outing, and swooping between them under the spectacular bulk of Mont Blanc is exhilarating indeed.

The slopes tend to be medium to difficult but rarely

dangerous, even in the spring avalanche season, and the lift system is generous and so well-distributed that no piste is neglected.

The initial cable car is one of Europe's largest and deals swiftly with early-morning queues, carrying up to 130 passengers a time across the valley to Plan Châtelot from

where a succession of lifts climb right up to Cresta d'Arp at 2,755 metres (9,000 ft).

From here, experts can strike off in powder to the wilds of Ghiacciaio del Miage and then pole to Zermatt, or take the more-frequented eight-mile run down the Val d'Arp to Dollon; or even go further afield through the mountains to the village of La Thuile for lunch at the base of the Little St Bernard Pass.

Though the resort is not

high, one big advantage is the geographical diversity of its two snow areas: Châtelot, facing south, consists mainly of huge, treeless plains, and Val Veny, looking north-west, has wide runs cutting through woods and some gentle mogul territory ideal for warming up.

In a week of good weather, a reasonable skier can cover all 100 kilometres of runs— even retraced a lot of them—and the characteristic snow changes brought by the different seasons (lots of powder in mid-winter, crusty surfaces

in spring) could even encourage a second visit.

Off-piste, Courmayeur has some of the most challenging skiing in the Alps, down from the summit via Alp d'Arp, for instance, or with a helicopter from the top of Mont Blanc to Chamonix over in France.

Another guided option for Chamonix is to ski the Vallée Blanche, along a spectacular run stretched in mountain peaks, which crosses an open Alpine landscape before plunging through the forest and down to the town.

Cross-country skiers can go off by bus to Planpincieux for a trek across the beautiful sweep of Val Ferret and walkers can tramp the equally scenic routes from Pralognan to Courte D'Excluse.

In recent years, Italy has had a mixed reaction from the British market. Popular with the "poor" has been the "rich", who have reacted against other European countries and appreciated for its creative, thoughtfully-minded approach. The "rich" has nevertheless been criticised for its facilities and organisation.

However, it is true Courmayeur highly. Prices are on the market side but equipment is excellent and, unlike its popular British rivals, the sprawling village has a cobbled heart, full of character—slanting houses and pretty squares—with just

sufficient modern touches for comfort and a spread of high-fashion shops.

An efficient, well-managed team of 100 instructors reflects the Italian ski schools' happy-go-lucky reputation, but where this resort really scores is with its food.

Amongst a deluge of restaurants with excellent fare at reasonable prices are L'Espresso, a good open-grilled meat; il Vacche Toscane, with a more atmospheric; the Vie Pontin for carbonara evenings; the du Parc, known for its big, fluffy breads and spicy butters; l'Aquila and il Leone Rossi.

Allow about £6 a head at The Tourist Hotel (excellent value) and about £12 at a restaurant, less if you settle for the tourist menu.

Eating on the slopes comes cheaper: from perhaps £1.50 for a pizza and beer.

Courmayeur is unique this year: the Montblanc, a modern room, has been completed last summer; Hotel Etoile des Neiges and Hotel Roma both pleasant and comfortable; and, in the top category, the Royal, which seems to have every facility. Prices for a week's half-board are from £217; lift pass is £52 to £40 depending on date; ski school is £29.50; equipment hire, £22.

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A taste of the simple village life

By Elisabeth de Stroemillo

AT THE top of the Oetz valley, Austria's highest parish, Obergurgl is a pretty little place in the genuine Tyrolean idiom: green-washed church, meandering streets, chalet-style hotels and pensions with traditional decorative motifs, and an easygoing atmosphere. At 1,930 metres over 6,000 feet base altitude, it also boasts reliable snow conditions.

It must be said, though, that it shares the disadvantages of pretty little villages that have grown into ski resorts: often painfully slow old lifts in a system that doesn't always interconnect properly, most likely because lifts are individually owned by the farmers on whose land they stand and who may not always be on the best of terms with one another. Thus the skier can be faced with some daunting links, particularly hard on relative beginners.

For the intermediate and more advanced, though, Obergurgl and its sister villages of Untergurgl/Hochgurgl, 15 minutes away by bus, offer a wonderful variety of runs from the motorway-sized blues and reds on the open slopes of Obergurgl's Hohe Muri and Festkogl and some nice blacks, too, above Hochgurgl, to several extremely pretty and interesting trails through trees in both areas, and a number of quite hairy off-piste routes. I reckon you could ski hard there for a week and still find a few challenges in prospect.

A scatter of mountain restaurants and snack bars provide pit-stops. The hut at the top of Hochgurgl's Kirchenkar drag was the prettiest, with a roaring fire indoors, and an outside snowbar. More typical was the Warmkogl one, also above Hochgurgl, where a huge plate of pasta and a gluhwein was under £3.

Apres-ski life is villagey and unsophisticated: the Picnic Cafe in Obergurgl was popular after the lifts closed and did a nice line in sticky cakes, but if you were staying in a pension that served supper at 6.30 it hardly seemed worth having a big tea.

After supper there was

plenty of time for dancing and a couple of quite jolly places in which to do it. The occasional alternative was an evening's soiree organised by the tour firms' representatives.

We embarked on a toboggan-

ing outing which cost the best part of £10 a head and from which the British participants were consequently determined to wring the last drop of enjoyment.

They studiously quaffed their toboggan (included in the price) and stomped at the music of a jovial trio and then, suitably warmed up, mounted with many shrieks of mock alarm the waiting wooden sleds. The very gentle downhill glide through

aspen trees was in fact beautifully soothed once you had got away from the noisier elements, but most people seemed to equate noise with Having Fun.

Also in their equation was a dutiful snowball fight at the bottom, while waiting for the homeward coach, after which they agreed that it had been a great evening. At that price, I suspected they would not have dared admit otherwise.

SOLDEN, one of Austria's most popular ski resorts, straddles across the upper Oetz valley at 1,271 metres (nearly 4,500 feet), nestled both by the river and by a rather busy main road.

Along this, and the side streets off it, are masses of shops, hotels, pensions and night spots, all pleasantly busy and cheerful, a swimming pool and an ice rink. Most winter holidaymakers' tastes are well catered for there.

But with slopes that go up to over 3,000 metres (10,000 odd feet), it still first and foremost a skiers' resort. At one end of the village is the cable car station and at the other, a gondola lift; and if the morning queues at these are too long, you can bypass them by either using the long Hochsölden chair or sneaking up through the nursery slopes.

Once at the top, the vast ring of pistes is expertly linked by the lift system and you can bomb around it in a huge variety of ways, stopping only for the occasional glühwein labour E11 and to admire the fantastic views. We had a superb three days' skiing there and felt at the end that we had only just begun to dent its possibilities.

Barring a few inexplicably bare or icy patches on some of the easier runs, which (with the sparse snow about) I would have expected to be better groomed, the pistes were a joy to ski.

Oddly enough, for all its size and sophisticated siérs' facilities, Solden proved less expensive in many respects than smaller Obergurgl, higher up the valley. When dinner in our hotel, the Tyrol, we paid £1 less for half-a-liter than at our Obergurgl pension; simple mountain-restaurant lunches averaged just over £2.

Keen après-skiers had plenty

Solden:
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of choice: when skiing was over, a popular place to meet and plan the evening was the outdoor bar of the Hotel Dominic where they did lovely big frosty punches for under £1. It was a convivial place to end the day, and would be even nicer if so much traffic weren't grinding along the street mere inches behind you.

We joined one organised evening: an excellent fondue E17 at the Hotel Sonne, accompanied by good music, and ended only by a rather awful "Miss Solden" contest afterwards.

No fanatical Women's Libber, I was nevertheless extremely pleased to see only British men in the bar, and just after a few minutes I only wished she had done it with more of a grand gesture, like emptying her beer mug over the competitor's head. But I suppose that wouldn't have been British.

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GETTING THERE:

• Blue Sky is one of the firms offering both Solden and Obergurgl this winter. Their prices for a week's half-board in Solden go from £174 (£190 at the Hotel Tyrol, where I stayed); and in Obergurgl from £226 (bed and breakfast only, in a pension; is from £169).

Lift passes for a week are from £42 in Obergurgl, £45 in Solden; lessons are from £29 a week in Solden, £30-50 in Obergurgl; hire of gear for a week is £12 in Solden, £15 in Obergurgl.

Arosa, the resort for a more restful holiday

By
Avril Groom

LONG before the days of purpose-built ski resorts and fanatical nine-to-five piste-bashers the sport had a gentler face, exemplified nowhere better than in Switzerland.

Resorts like St Moritz, Gstaad, Klosters, and Davos were top of the tree and even now have tremendous cachet and the high prices that go with it.

Arosa, however, this year celebrating its centenary as a resort, remains less frequented by the British and rather more in reach of the ordinary pocket.

Yet it is a place of much style and charm, ideal for someone who sees skiing as a part of a restful mountain holiday, or for a family that includes some non-skiers. For in Arosa the old spirit still exists

and social skiing is the name of the game. Many guests enjoy a few hours on the slopes in the morning followed by a leisurely lunch and then a different activity, such as tennis or swimming in the many indoor facilities, or just walking on the footpaths round the village.

This means that the keen skier can often find the slopes almost deserted in the afternoon, particularly on less good days out of high season — and, as Arosa lies at 6,000 feet, the snow lingers and the season is a long one. When I visited in April we had a three-foot fall.

Really proficient skiers might feel there is not enough variety for a week's hard skiing. There is only one black run, down from the top cable car station at the Weiss-

True to its hedonistic nature, Arosa has many excellent on-slope restaurants: the sun-terraces at Tschuggen and Gspan, the view at the Alpenblick and the traditional, warming Swiss dishes of rösti and spätzli at the Erzhorn were all notable. A one-course lunch with wine and small salad costs from £4 to £5.

The village itself, though charming, is quite spread out from the walker's point of view, from the station and cable car base by the Obersee lake at the bottom, up the long hill of the Weisshorn cable car.

By contrast, the beginner or intermediate can have an enjoyable, relaxed and convivial time on the slopes of Arosa itself.

Meticulous instruction in English is excellent, and there are good non-intimidating slopes for beginners. For intermediates, most of the resort's runs are red or blue level.

But there is a regular local bus system and some local bus system and some buses which drop and pick

up skiers at fixed points.

Other outdoor sports include tobogganing, skating, curling and langlauf skiing, with an excellent course through the pretty forests below the village.

Arosa also scores very heavily on indoor sports: a number of de luxe hotels offer facilities like tennis and swimming that are available to non-residents, though the fees may be quite hefty.

We were lucky enough to stay in the five-star Savoy Hotel which, in addition to the usual sports facilities, has a vast complex including a beauty treatment centre and hairdressers, sauna and massage-room, kindergarten and fitness room.

The latter and the swimming pool are free to residents.

The neglected potential of Arosa for the British was recognised by Ski Club of Great Britain representative Thelma Graham when she spent a season there, and last year she started Ski Arosa, which has the small-company advantages of personal attention to the customer's needs.

Travel to the resort is by Swissair to Zürich and then rail, and prices for a half-board week go from £210 low-season at the one-star Quellenhof Hotel, to £299 low-season at the Savoy.

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Chatsworth Old Master drawings, initially offered to the Museum for £5,500,000, had been made with "£21 million worth of hindsight." Lord Trend, chairman of the Museum's trustees said yesterday. The row over the drawings, which were sold by the Duke of Devonshire and fetched £21 million at auction, continues to rumble in the arts world.

The trustees are to discuss today whether to try to secure one or more of the works which are the subject of export licence hold-ups.

More than £15 million worth from the original auction package have had their export licences suspended.

The museum originally failed to agree the £5,500,000 price of the package of 74 works, the difference being a question of £250,000.

In their report for 1981-82 published yesterday the trustees say they had, with the assistance of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, gone as far as they could within the limits of public accountability, towards the purchase.

Lack of money

Lord Trend said yesterday: "The reason why these negotiations did not succeed was not primarily a lack of money, it was a difference of opinion about the valuation.

It was a pity the two parties could not agree. But we were not entitled, in the light of the advice we had from two independent sources, to go beyond £5,250,000."

Asked if they had considered buying the works in conjunction with other institutions, he said: "I don't think we could have done, really."

Dr David Wilson, the director, said: "People knew this was happening. It had got into the Press during the negotiations, but no other museums approached us. Nobody offered to help. Again, it is a question of hindsight."

Lord Charteris, chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, supported the stand by the Museum's trustees.

At the time of the negotiations it did seem an awful lot of money." The works had gone for three times as much as the most optimistic dealer was prepared to estimate. That, in his view, was "very strange."

The Museum emphasised yes-

British Museum criticised 'with £21m of hindsight'

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

CRITICISM of the British Museum's stand over the Chatsworth Old Master drawings, initially offered to the Museum for £5,500,000, had been made with "£21 million worth of hindsight." Lord Trend, chairman of the Museum's trustees said yesterday.

The row over the drawings, which were sold by the Duke of Devonshire and fetched £21 million at auction, continues to rumble in the arts world.

The trustees are to discuss today whether to try to secure one or more of the works which are the subject of export licence hold-ups.

More than £15 million worth from the original auction package have had their export licences suspended.

The museum originally failed to agree the £5,500,000 price of the package of 74 works, the difference being a question of £250,000.

In their report for 1981-82 published yesterday the trustees say they had, with the assistance of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, gone as far as they could within the limits of public accountability, towards the purchase.

One of these was their failure to acquire what was probably the most important ikon collection in private hands in Europe, if not the world. It had been turned in Britain in the last 30 years.

The cost of the group of 70 or so pieces was "in millions," said Dr Wilson yesterday.

We searched high and low for the money but could not find it. It was now likely they would appear on the market in the near future and the Museum might try to acquire one or two of them.

On another vexed issue, admission charges, Lord Trend made it clear yesterday that the British Museum trustees were opposed to their introduction at the museum.

Their view was similar to that expressed by the Tate Gallery trustees: "This is a public museum. It was intended for the public to use it. The taxpayer pays for its upkeep and maintenance. It is a point of principle."

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LEGAL THREAT TO GLC

By JOHN GRIGSBY
Local Government Correspondent

THE Arts Council is to take legal action against the Greater London Council over the Labour-controlled authority's notice to quit the Hayward Gallery on the South Bank.

The Arts Council has been advised that it has a case against the council under the 1951 Landlord and Tenant Act. It said yesterday: "We hope to get something resolved as quickly as possible. We are concerned about our very successful exhibition programme."

Mr Robert Hughes, the Tory spokesman on the council's Arts and Recreation Committee, said that the Tories would raise the question of the gallery's future at the next meeting of the GLC on Oct. 18.

He said: "It is just going to make life difficult for the Arts Council."

"It is not going to change anything. It is just going to make life difficult until the GLC is abolished in 1986."

Degas prints

In theory, at least, the GLC notice could curtail a major exhibition of paintings next year by Renoir, the first to be held in Britain for 30 years, by a month.

Also at risk are the gallery's annual exhibition of British Art, with a display of Degas prints, an exhibition of David Hockney's paintings for the stage and "Homage to Barcelona," featuring the work of Guardi, Picasso, Miró and Dali.

On Thursday the "exceptionally high" number of 11,250 people visited the first day of the gallery's exhibition of drawing and sculptures by Henri Matisse.

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CASES OF AIDS ON INCREASE

Cases of AIDS diagnosed in 10 West European countries nearly doubled to 421 from 215 in the eight months to July 15, the World Health Organisation reported yesterday. Of the 421 victims, 194 (46 per cent) have died and 318 were male homosexuals.

France had 180 cases, followed by West Germany, 79; Britain, 54; Denmark and Switzerland 28 each; Netherlands, 21; Spain, 14; Italy, eight; Sweden, seven, and Greece, two. AIDS means acquired immune deficiency syndrome. It attacks the body's defences. Two cases in France were of children aged under one year. — Reuter.

CUTTING IT FINE

After a trip to Sotheby's auction rooms in the West End, engineer David Cox, 42, of Hindhead, West Sussex, was instructed to find a police wheel clamp on his illegally-parked car, and tried unsuccessfully to cut it off with a hacksaw. At Marlborough Street, yesterday he was fined £10 for causing criminal damage, and must pay £40 compensation.

He twice won the groundsman of the year award, in 1981 and 1982. His achievement in view of the amount of cricket played at Lord's.

Familiar figure

He was the best known groundsman in the country, thanks to television coverage of Lord's Test matches.

He was a familiar figure to viewers, with his anxious glances at the weather during breaks in play.

He began working as a parks gardener in Nottingham, where he was born in 1919, and was recruited to Lord's in 1952, 22 years ago when a member of the Nottinghamshire committee commended his work.

His autobiography, "Testing the Wicket," was published last month. He is survived by a widow and daughter.

ARTS CENTRE DIES

The Arcadia Theatre Centre, one of the main attractions in Skegness for the past 70 years, closes today because of mounting debts and poor attendances.

It opened in 1911 as 1,000-seat theatre for holidaymakers but has also been used as an art centre since 1971 after being saved from closure by a public appeal.

REGRET AND RELIEF

Warm, friendly man

E. W. SWANTON writes: Jim Fairbrother's death will be

World Chess

Karpov likely to keep his 3-0 lead

By B. H. WOOD Chess Correspondent

THE ninth game in the

World Chess Championship match in Moscow was adjourned unfinished yesterday in a situation from

which it is hard to see how either player could win and which may be agreed drawn without further play.

A draw would leave Karpov with three wins to Karpov's none. The first to six games takes the crown.

The opening yesterday was precisely the same as that of the seventh game, the last in which Karpov had the black pieces and one which he lost.

As 14 moves on either side followed at speed, spectators, and no doubt Karpov, puzzled to guess what improvement Karpov had in mind. It was Karpov, however, who first diverged with 15 B-Q4 instead of 15 N-Bc8.

Tarrasch Defence

This Tarrasch Defence offers White a chance to isolate and weaken Black's queen's pawn.

Karpov could hardly have done this more assiduously. By move 21, he had all his remaining pieces but one, his queen, trained on that pawn.

Karpov managed to safeguard it by ingenious counter-thrusts. For instance, if White captures it on move 27, there

are wholesale captures ending

in Black recovering the pawn by R-B7.

In the final position, Karpov has the better bishop.

Queen's Gambit, Tarrasch Defence White

1 P-Q4 P-Q4

2 P-QB4 P-QB4

3 N-KB3 N-KB3

4 B-QB5 B-QB5

5 B-B3 B-B3

6 B-QB5 B-QB5

7 Castles Castles

8 N-B3 N-B3

9 P-Q4 P-Q4

10 K-NP K-NP

11 B-K2 B-K2

12 Q-N5 Q-N5

13 Q-B2 Q-B2

14 B-QB5 B-QB5

15 B-B3 B-B3

16 N-B3 N-B3

17 N-B5 N-B5

18 P-Q1 P-Q1

19 P-Q2 P-Q2

20 R-Q3 R-Q3

21 R(B1)-Q1 R(B1)-Q1

22 N-B5 N-B5

23 P-Q3 P-Q3

24 N-B3 N-B3

25 P-Q4 P-Q4

26 P-Q5 P-Q5

27 P-Q6 P-Q6

28 P-Q7 P-Q7

29 P-Q8 P-Q8

30 P-Q9 P-Q9

31 K-NP K-NP

32 K-B3 K-B3

33 K-B2 K-B2

34 K-B1 K-B1

35 K-B2 K-B2

36 K-B3 K-B3

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STOCK EXCHANGE

Investors turn to blue chips

STOCK markets ended the week in fairly cheerful mood yesterday against the background of hopes in connection with a possible decline in base rates. The industrial sectors were again mainly dominated by renewed activity in the takeover favourites, but some of the blue chips attracted solid investment interest and, with the stock supply situation still fairly acute, prices were quick to respond.

British Aerospace, still under the influence of recent major contracts, were also supported on revised suggestions of a bid for F. G. C. and the shares closed 7 1/2 up at 370p, while T. G. Group remained overshadowed by the troubled condition of the cycle division and closed 2p more to 186p, a fall of 46p on the week.

Leaders to make notable gains were Imperial Chemical Industries, 6 1/2 up at 658p, Blue Circle Industries, 7 better at 420p, and Beecham Group, 8 to the good at 368p. The "30" index, 8 1/2 higher at 10 a.m., finished the session with a gain of 5 1/4 to 1035 2, while the "100" index was 7 1/2 better at 1135 2, after 1137 4.

Renewed uncertainty about the situation of Johnson Matthey after the banking side disaster left the shares at 102p, a fall of 8p on the day and 155p on the week. On the other hand, Lucas Industries improved 4 to 228p on continued hope of an American takeover offer.

Holders of Kruger were also further at 278p, after 280p on renewed suggestions that Lonrho's stake could be purchased by an American group at around 350p per share. Lonrho hardened to 150p.

Sugars from a prospective counter-bid to the one from Dixons Group left Currys another 10p higher at 417p, while Hosking & Horton were 9 better at 235p on expectations of further developments after the offer from Scottish Heritable. Bid speculators were again active in Stylo, which jumped fresh to 158p before closing 15p higher at 148p.

Banks lower

Speculation about losses at Lloyds Bank International hit the shares of the parent group, Lloyds Bank, and despite a statement clarifying the position, the shares ended 17 down at 487p. Barclays ended 5 off at 497p, after 485p, and Midland 5 off at 552p, after 547p, but National Westminster managed a gain of 4 to 542p, after 532p.

Government securities, initially brighter on cheaper money hopes, failed to maintain their momentum in the absence of follow-through demand and the final pattern of price movement was irregular.

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WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANF CBS Gen.)	174-80 + 2-20
BRUSSELS (Index) ...	161-07 + 0-32
FRANKFURT (Gesamtbank) ...	1,060-80 + 5-40
HONGKONG (Hang Seng) ...	974-17 - 15-30
NEW YORK (Dow Jones) ...	1,182-53 - 4-86
PARIS (CAC General) ...	179-30 + 0-70
SINGAPORE (All Ord.) ...	749-40 + 5-00
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow) ...	10,757-58 + 95-51
ZURICH (Credit Suisse) ...	307-60 + 6-60

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group 531-42 (+4-71)

500 280-82 (+4-73)

All-share 534-29 (+3-86)

Base rates cut hampered by surging dollar

By CLIFFORD GERMAN

HOPES of a cut in bank base rates from 10% to 9% p.c. next week to coincide with the Conservative party conference were dimmed yesterday, a week ago. The midday afternoon after a late surge in the dollar pushed the pound down to close half a cent lower at \$1.2365. The pound's effective index also closed 0.4 down at 76.2 p.m.

Earlier in the day the pound had climbed to \$1.2475, and interest rates in the London money market eased perceptibly with the three-month rate for deposits in the inter bank market on which Barclays Bank aligns its base rate coming down 3 1/2 p.c. to 10.7 1/2 p.c. during the morning.

With an estimated shortage of £1 billion in the discount market the bank and the exchange market took more material. The market, at a cut in interest rates next week at least until after the September money supply figures are published on Tuesday, appear to have receded perceptibly.

LBI documents 'leak' clips bank shares

LLOYDS Bank shares fell 17p to 487p yesterday after publication of a leaked internal briefing document from the chief executive of Lloyds Bank International Eric Whittle to the bank's senior managers criticising the bank's recent poor profit performances. Barclays and Midland also fell 5p but National Westminster shares rose.

Max Luthert a senior director at LBI confirmed the authenticity of the document, but a statement issued by the bank emphasised that the information in the document was not new. In London in the first half of 1984 which was fully accounted and provided for in the group accounts for the period to June 30.

The document appears to show however that within LBI, after a £56.5 million increase in bad debt provisions, pre tax profits fell 42 p.c. and return on assets before tax halved to 0.44 p.c.

Income in sterling terms rose only 2 p.c. in spite of an 11 p.c. fall in the pound, against the pre-tax profit for the year.

Debenhams up up to £9.1m

A CONCENTRATED sales effort by higher margin lines helped Debenhams to push up pre-tax profits by 75 p.c. to £9.1 million in the 28 weeks to August 11.

By contrast sales during the period turned in a below-par performance, rising just 8 p.c. to £535 million.

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SATURDAY COMMENT

THE PERSISTENT and shocking rise in unemployment must soon secure a substantial response from the Government. This week the Department of Employment published exceptionally poor figures for September. The underlying rise, after seasonal adjustments and taking out school leavers, was 26,000 compared with 19,000 in August and 17,000 in July.

In other words there has really been no improvement for many months. It now seems likely that Britain's modest recovery in economic activity, which may well slow down to a crawl next year, will have completely failed to reduce the unemployment total. No doubt the miners' strike is making matters worse, but anecdotal evidence suggests that this is a small factor.

It is a serious setback indeed for the Government, but there are bits of evidence that a change is being prepared. The translation of David Young's speech from the Manpower Services Commission to the Cabinet is one sign. The speech given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the International Monetary Fund ten days ago in Washington is another.

Mr Lawson openly admitted his disappointment at unemployment trends. But his emphasis upon the need to limit wage rises was an example of exhortation which everyone accepts in principle but few care to follow in practice.

Something more compelling is wanted. Strangely enough Mr Hattersley, Shadow Chancellor, provides a clue. For in one respect only Mr Hattersley actually admires Conservative economic policy and it is worth being clear what this is.

He applauds the repeated public statements of a policy objective in the Tories' case the conquest of inflation by curbing growth in the money supply, so that individual ministers have no alternative but to direct their departmental plans towards the ultimate goal.

The City pages on Monday

ON MONDAY we launch a new American Interview column, James Strode, our Washington correspondent has been talking to William T. McDonough, chief financial officer of First Chicago Corporation, the bank that has seen fresh活力 through the financial community last week.

Christopher Fielden's Lombard Street column looks at building societies' lending advance and asks—are they going a branch too far? Tom Kyte in the Quester column examines the Racial-Clubb takeover tussle.

Frances Williams analyses the lessons for Britain from the Reagan boom and Prof. Patrick Minford explains what the Government has done to make the labour market more flexible.

The stockmarket's fascination with computer stocks comes under scrutiny from Michael Bassett in the Computer Column and Colin Campbell's Mining Column highlights Charter Consolidated's troubles.

STOCK discrepancies at Boustead's subsidiary King Trailers are far worse than management realised, the group admitted last night, and assets may have to be revalued down by £1.75m in its final dividend.

The group, which sacked its financial controller at the subsidiary and made other changes, has asked accountants Price Waterhouse to investigate the books and report before the year is out.

Excluding King Trailers results so far this year, which show a profit of £1.5m, the group reported pre-tax profit of £23,000 (£1,000) for the half of 1984.

Brokers' estimates for Chapman Industries' negotiations to buy levered from Asia-Pacific the large United States forest products group, are £1.5m, owned by Harris Quisenberry.

The board officially expects a further increase in trading profits and is raising the dividend from 2.2p to 2.5p for the interim, payable December 5.

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The institutions call in advisers

By ANNE SEGALL

LOANS on the books of its banking subsidiary, thus wiping out the bank's capital base of £100 million and necessitating an immediate capital injection of £50 million from the parent.

This blew an enormous hole in the balance sheet of Johnson Matthey itself and forced the company to seek extra capital from its own major shareholder, Charter Consolidated.

Charter Consolidated came to the rescue at a dramatic meeting at the Bank of England in the early hours of Monday morning.

It is believed that most of the troubled credits involve Arab and Indian names and are connected with extremely high-risk confirming house business with Nigeria and other parts of West Africa

COMPANIES

Tozer Kemsley profits tumble

TOZER Kemsley & Millbourn (Holdings), the international trading group that "stepped back from the brink" last year with a £15 million turnaround from losses of £6.34 million to profits of £5.56 million, saw profits tumble by a third from £5.61 million to £2.57 million in the opening half of the year.

The group's automotive companies again provided the bulk of profits and continue to perform strongly. However with a large part of this business involved in importing vehicles from Japan, margins suffered as a result of the strength of the yen against sterling and the franc.

New local financing arrangements to fund development of property interests in the United States and Canada were high interest rates hit operations last year have now been agreed.

Again there is no dividend.

Gibbons short of profits target

STANLEY GIBBONS, the stamp dealer which has been bought and sold four or five times in the past six years, will not be

seeking a quotation this year or next, after failing to meet the profit target of £1.1m profit for the year to the end of June which was forecast at the time of the abortive flotation in April this year. Profit before tax and exceptional items totalled £897,000.

Turnover fell from £19 million to £17.7 million in the latest 12 month period, operating profit rose from £1 million to £1.37 million but net interest charged absorbed almost £500,000 in each year.

Bruntons

BRUNTONS (Musselburgh) is cutting its interim dividend by 2.5p to 1.5p on Oct 31.

Background to the 1.5p pre-tax dividend is to be paid on November 28. This compares with 1.5p adjusted for the 1984 scrip issue. Shareholders of the Ordinary and "A" ordinary shares can receive additional shares in lieu of the cash dividend.

NEW ISSUES

Stone allotments go to ballot

THE OFFER for sale in Stone International, the business created out of the electrical division of the crashed Stone Platt group, has been a huge success, attracting some £250 million of investors' cash.

The offer of 10.5 million Ordinary shares at 125p each was about 18 times oversubscribed, with around 45,000 applications for 199.9 million shares.

From the public application for 100,000 shares go into ballot for 100 shares. For 1,500, 10,000 a weighted ballot for 500; for 11,000-25,000 get 600; for 30,000-50,000 get 1,500; for 55,000-200,000-6 p.c. of application; for 205,000-3 million-8 p.c. of application; for 5-905 million plus get 250,000.

Dealing start on Thursday.

AUSTRALIAN SHARE PRICES

AS	AS	Midday	Price	Change
1984	Company			
5.87	4.46	ANZ Banking Group	4.54	+0.05
4.68	4.46	Ampli Exploration	2.78	+0.02
2.48	2.58	Ampli International	1.92	+0.01
0.87	0.23	Aust. Paper Manufacturer	2.21	+0.49
3.98	3.90	Bach Petroleum	0.73	+0.49
3.65	3.50	Bell Group	1.92	+0.04
11.80	9.35	Bingham Bell	1.53	+0.39
6.20	4.20	Bridge Oil	2.88	+0.16
4.12	3.33	Broken Hill Proprietary	7.43	+0.95
4.55	3.90	C & A	2.05	+0.08
3.27	2.50	Coles G. J.	4.08	+2.76
2.10	1.70	Edgars IXL	4.43	+2.98
1.50	1.46	Edgars Supermarkets Inds.	1.46	+0.17
2.50	1.79	Hecker Corp.	1.46	+1.12
6.27	4.48	ICI Australia	2.16	+0.03
4.42	3.52	Land Lease	6.28	+4.24
2.52	2.10	Macmillan-Hanley	1.78	+0.05
2.23	1.32	Mayne Nickless	1.53	+0.39
13.00	7.80	Myer Emporium	1.77	+1.22
3.00	2.50	News Corp.	9.85	+6.66
1.20	0.76	Northgate	1.83	+0.13
2.10	1.70	Oakbridge	0.83	+0.56
2.10	1.26	P & O Australia	2.13	+1.11
1.00	0.74	Pioneer Concrete	1.65	+0.01
4.40	2.45	Renken Goldfields	2.70	+1.82
6.96	5.25	Santos	6.78	+4.73
2.50	1.57	Thames N'wide Transport	1.81	+1.22
4.60	2.91	Western Mining Corp.	3.14	+2.26
4.02	3.47	Westpac	3.84	+2.59
3.35	2.48	Woodside Petroleum	2.93	+1.93
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PROPERTY First half £15m for Hammerson

HAMMERSO Property Invest-

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tion in the first half of 1984

shows how profits will benefit

from the purchase of the Man-

Corporation of Canada com-

pleted in January 1984. Pre-

tax profits are up from £11.5

million to £15.4 million, and the

attributable profit, from 2.75

million to £4.9 million.

Earnings per share are stated

at 6.75p against 5.52p and an

interim dividend of 2.5p per

share is proposed.

In this opening half earnings

have come back from 5.52p to

2.96p.

Johnston Group

JOHNSTON GROUP, which made

£3.9m pre-tax in 1983, anticipates

for the year to end in June

1984 to be largely marginally

higher than last year.

Ordinary shares will be

substantially lower than last

year's.

First half pre-tax profits, mean-

while slipped from £1.80m to

£1.25m on turnover of £28.5m

£25.2m.

Earnings are marginally lower

at 8.04p 19.14p but the interim

dividend stays at 2p on Jan 7.

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MONEY & EXCHANGES

BASE RATE optimism with

interest rates holding the

bank rate to 10 p.c. during

next week's Tory party confe-

rence fires the London money

market yesterday, and the key

three-month deposit rate eased by

0.25p to 8.5 p.c.

In the foreign exchange market

the dollar closed on a strong note

having earlier reacted to a larger

United States money supply fall

and a lower Federal funds rate.

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\$1.2383, and sterling's gains

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FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

HOME improvement horror stories are frighteningly common and last year alone the Office of Fair Trading received over 42,000 complaints from the public—almost all victims of cowboy builders carrying out improvement work.

This year, with the Government's extension of value added tax to alterations and extensions, the "black economy" is booming.

The need for consumer protection is clear and the Building Employers Confederation this week launched a guarantee scheme. Britain's largest building society, the Halifax, is also backing the scheme and has literature available for customers.

While the scheme is mandatory upon the 9,000 members of the confederation, only about 6,500 carry out home-improvement work and all these must now offer it to their customers.

THE HOME

Bill Ekyk reports on a move aimed at giving the home improvement cowboys less rope.

for work costing between £500 and £25,000 on either residential or business premises.

The guarantee scheme, which costs 1 per cent of the contract price and a minimum of £200, offers customers five major benefits:

• Guarantees that work will be carried out according to contract. If the B.E.C. member defaults or goes bankrupt, another member will be called to finish the job.

• If problems crop up they will

be sorted out quickly by an independent ombudsman. If problems persist an independent arbitrator will be called in to resolve matters.

• For six months after the job is finished any defective work will be put right.

• And for a further two years, any structural defects arising from the work will be rectified.

• It gives customers access to a register of reliable B.E.C. firms from which they can choose when planning improvements.

But the scheme does have limitations. For example, it applies only if you are dealing directly with a B.E.C. member and have not engaged an architect, surveyor or other qualified professional to act for you while the work is being done.

If the builder fails to honour an arbitration award made to him, the scheme does not accept liability for consequen-

tial loss either through the breach of contract or from insolvency.

The guarantee scheme is essentially an insurance-backed arrangement with the Norwich Union and the reason given for the monetary limit is to ensure that the scheme remains solvent at all times and that the liabilities can be assessed and the fee income obtained to meet the liabilities.

While all credit must be given to the B.E.C. for producing this scheme for their members—and it should prove an excellent product tool—the overall consumer value must be assessed in light of the fact that it applies to only 6,500 companies within an industry that has approaching 200,000 companies registered with the Customs & Excise for VAT.

But as Tom Taylor, assistant general manager of the Halifax, puts it: "We regard this scheme as a first step and, while we support the concept, only time will tell as to how best it can be developed."

While it has taken the B.E.C.

the two years or more that the Federation of Master Builders has been running their warranty scheme to get clearance through the O.F.T., it is the fact that it is mandatory on its members, which is the important point.

The Federation's scheme is voluntary, and only about 600 out of the 20,000 members subscribe to it—and even then the warranty does not cover the customer if the builder goes into liquidation during the course of the contract.

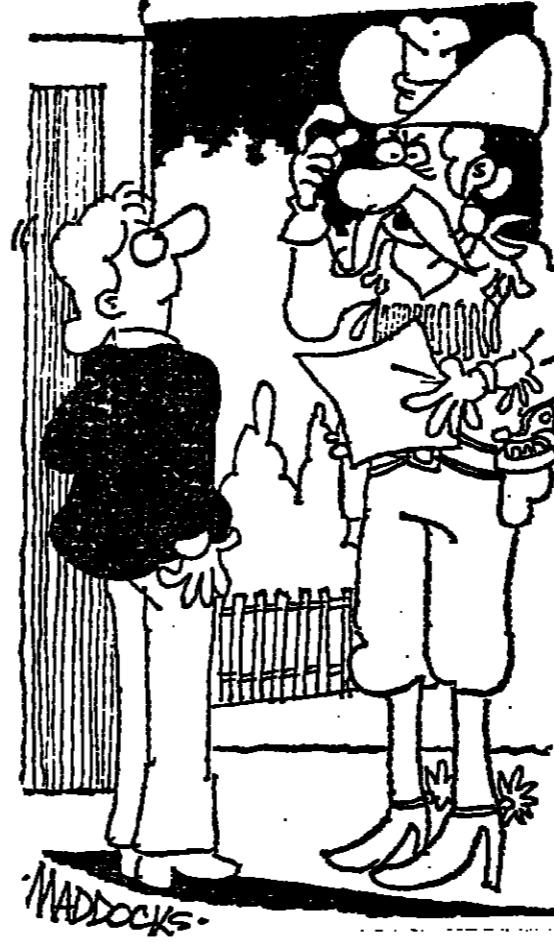
Paradoxically, a B.E.C. member is not required to prove more than its own record to prove that it can complete a job satisfactorily, whereas the vast majority of Federation members put much store by the emotive words "master builder" in order not to require a federation guarantee to obtain business.

Yet it is the B.E.C. which now has the belt and braces, while the F.M.B. still only the belt of string.

Nevertheless, the launch of

the B.E.C. Guarantee Scheme

HI THERE, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR HOME IMPROVED?



will certainly help to scatter the cowboys on the range but it accounts for something more than such a small percentage of building firms.

Perhaps the number of complaints received by the O.F.T. next year will be a statistic worth studying as the true measure of the B.E.C.'s success.

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FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND

THEY'RE CASHING IN ON COINS

ON Monday London will be host to the largest gathering of coin enthusiasts this country has ever seen. Many will travel from overseas.

In addition to the British Numismatic Trade Association's annual coin fair, Coinex, which will be held at the London Marriott hotel in Duke Street next Friday and Saturday the auction houses will stage major coin sales.

On Tuesday Christie's will place the most important collection of ancient coins it has ever handled on the auction block.

Comprising just over 300 lots, it is expected to realise a total of £1.5 million. Undoubtedly, it will be the largest single coin sale, in terms of value, that this country has ever seen.

Many of the pieces have never previously been available to scholars, let alone collectors. Formed during the early part of this century and sent for sale from Switzerland, prices for individual lots are expected to range from £70 to £70,000 each.

Another important sale, will be held by Spink Coin Auctions on Wednesday and Thursday. The near 1,100 lots of general material will satisfy all pockets and tastes.

A particularly choice Charles I gold Triple Unit, struck at Oxford in 1643, which was acquired from Spink in 1972 for £2,250, is conservatively estimated at £6,000.

The vendor can expect a net return on an annually

compounded basis (i.e. after the deduction of the auctioneer's commission etc) in the region of 8 p.c. - possibly a little more.

However, if viewed as an investment, such a return is hardly earth-shattering.

Five years ago, it was not unusual for an individual consigning quality coins to auction which had been held for 12-15 years, to expect a compounded return of

between 14 p.c. and 21 p.c. So, what has happened to the market?

Quite simply since 1981, the coin scene has been in total doldrums. As Sandy's states in its recently published 'Starred Catalogue of British Coins' Volume 1 (1985): "There are considerable numbers of price changes - with probably about an equal number of 'ups' and 'downs'."

The coin trade has seen flat periods before. For example, in the late 1960s and the mid-1970s. However, such times have been short-lived.

At the end of the month, "Coin Market Values - 1985" (Lick House, £2.80) will be on the bookstalls. It states that "the present slack stage looks like continuing a lot longer than most dealers would care to admit."

In the late 1970s, there was a tremendous amount of international interest in numismatic material.

Andrew Moore



Charles I gold Triple Units which fetched £2,250 in 1972 and is now estimated as worth £6,000.

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The minimum investment is the same as for National Savings Income Bonds, £2,000. Income distributions are on the same day of the month, the 5th. They are paid automatically into your bank account.

The estimated initial gross yield is 7.0 per cent. The managers judge that at this level the prospects of growth both of income and capital make the Fund an ideal complement to National Savings Income Bonds.

A RISING INCOME

The income from Framlington Monthly Income Fund is designed to rise in the future. The capital should rise in value as well. As an example, and acknowledging that past performance during a time of high inflation is not necessarily a guide to the future, we set out how returns from the existing Framlington Income Trust have escaped since it was formed in 1971.

Original investment of £2,000

Year	Net Income Value at 1 September
1	2,504
2	94.80
3	96.00
4	104.40
5	132.00
6	145.20
7	214.80
8	230.40
9	286.68
10	269.28
11	299.04
12	329.64
13	357.96

The original investors are now enjoying a gross yield of 25.6 per cent on their investment. Their capital has increased in value by over 300 per cent.

BALANCING YOUR INVESTMENT

You may wish to combine investment in a National Savings Income Bond and units in Framlington Monthly Income Fund to give a balance between immediate income and future growth appropriate to your needs. With a current gross yield of 12.75% from National Savings Income Bonds and an estimated initial gross yield of 7.0% from Monthly Income Fund the immediate yield from different combinations is as follows:

National Savings Income Bond	Framlington Monthly Fund	Gross Yield (%)	Net Income Per Month From an Investment of £2,000 (basic rate taxpayer)
100%	0%	12.750	£148.75
90%	10%	12.175	£142.04
80%	20%	11.600	£135.33
70%	30%	11.025	£128.63
60%	40%	10.450	£121.92
50%	50%	9.875	£115.21
40%	60%	9.300	£108.50
30%	70%	8.725	£101.79
20%	80%	8.150	£95.08
10%	90%	7.575	£88.38
0%	100%	7.000	£81.67

THE FRAMINGTON APPROACH

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PROTECTING DEPOSITS

INVESTMENT

Gillian Barton looks at schemes to compensate victims of bank failures.

THERE is nothing like a mini-banking crisis and cut-throat competition on interest rates to remind savers to be on their guard when deciding where to invest their cash.

The events which led to a rescue operation for bankers Johnson Matthey this week may not have directly affected depositors — although shareholders won't be pleased at the dramatic plunge in the value of their investment.

But it's bound to send shivers down the backs of other depositors who may fear that what they believed were rock solid investments might be at risk. And those tempted by apparently high yields from organisations they have never heard of might be decided to think again.

Luckily for bank depositors (but not shareholders) at least some of their money would be safe, even in the event of a crash.

Savers with money in banks and "deposit takers" (usually finance companies) which are licensed by the Bank of England are covered by a compensation scheme. This has paid out nearly £9 million since it was established in February 1982.

This repays savers 75 p.c. of their total investment in a failed licensed company. But there's an upper limit of £7,500, so that would be the most anyone with £10,000 or more would get back.

Deposits for an original term of more than five years are

not covered. Nor are deposits in currencies other than £ sterling.

Deposits taken by overseas banks which advertise in this country, but which hold your money outside the United Kingdom, are not covered by the protection scheme.

If you need confirmation that your deposits are protected by the scheme the Bank of England has a free list of all licensed banks and deposit takers.

Investments in insurance com-

panies authorised by the Department of Trade and Industry are covered by the Policyholders Protection Act.

This means you will get back 90 p.c. of the value of your policies less "excessive benefits" which are determined by the Policyholders' Protection Board.

Foreign insurance companies not authorised by the department must say so in their literature. If you are not sure, don't invest.

The compensation scheme cannot prevent you from being bombarded by highly optimistic advertisements by authorised companies, however.

Crescent Life for instance is currently advertising 18.5% a year compound over five years in its invitation that you should find out more about investing in its Managed Fund.

What it does not explain is

that the scheme is an insurance policy, that this rate of return (based on past performance) may not be repeated in the future or that the value of your investment could go down as well as up.

Building society savers are protected by a scheme organised by the Building Societies Association to which all its members have agreed to contribute. Some non-members have also agreed to join.

The only exceptions are two societies operating in Northern Ireland—the Progressive and the Londonderry Provident which are barred by a different building society law there from joining the BSA scheme.

Savers with societies which have agreed to contribute get back 90 p.c. of their investments (with no upper limit) or 100 p.c. if their savings are in a deposit account. This generally pays back less than a paid-up share account.

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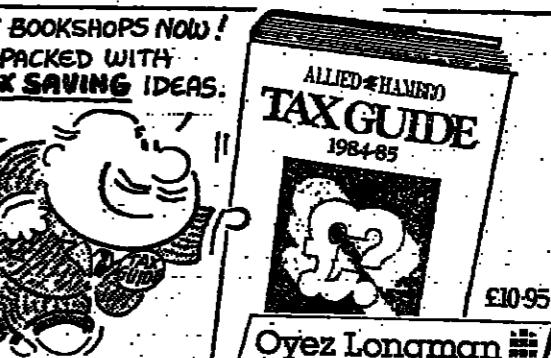
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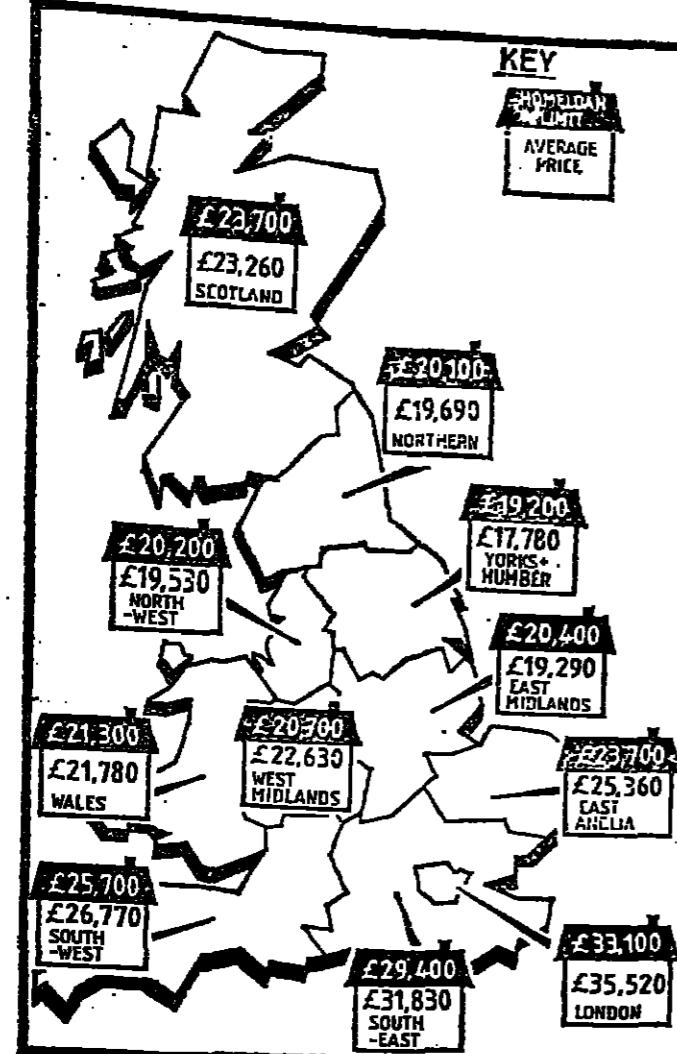
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MORTGAGES

Richard Northedge explains the Government's Homeloan scheme for first-time buyers.

WHEN it comes to buying a house every bit of cash counts. It still comes as a surprise to many buyers, however, that the Government is prepared to chip in for homeowners, providing something towards the purchase price or for the carpets or curtains.

For those who are aware of the scheme, however, it can be a bit of a surprise to find that the extent of the financial help is so limited.

Still, every penny counts. And while the vast majority of homebuyers still ignore this source of free finance, the Government has just brought it within range of a lot more buyers.

The aid, provided under the Homeloan scheme, is in the form of a straightforward gift, plus an interest-free five-year loan. It only applies to first-time buyers, however, and only for homes costing below certain levels.

Price levels are different in different parts of the country, but those levels are supposed to ensure that two-thirds of all first-timers are eligible for Homeloan help, and it is those levels that have just been changed to account for the rise in house prices.

But, according to the latest figures from the building societies, it would seem that in the south of the country at least, the Government has not gone far enough.

In London, for instance, Homeloan help is available on flats or houses costing less than £35,100. That limit has just been raised from £30,700, but according to the Leeds Permanent's calculations the average first-time buyers home in London that it financed during the past three months cost £35,520. It is therefore hard to see how two-thirds of buyers qualify.

In the rest of the South-East, as our map shows, the average first-time buyers' home cost more than the new Homeloan limit and presumably the average home cost in the next

three months will be higher still.

The disparity exists in East Anglia, the South-West, the West Midlands and Wales, too. Only in Scotland, the North and the East Midlands are average house prices for first-timers still below the new Government limits.

But even if those limits look less than you intend paying, it is still worth seeking the Homeloan help. There is nothing to lose, and you might just pay less than you expect — or the limits could be higher still when you eventually buy.

It's necessary to start a Homeloan account with a bank, building society or the Post Office two years before you actually buy the home. For the first year, though, only £1 need be kept in the account — which earns ordinary interest rates — so that should be no hardship.

During the second year, if the buyer can keep a balance of more than £1,000 in the account the Government will give a grant of £110 cash, plus a five-year interest-free loan of £300. The £300 has to be repaid if you move within the five years or at the end of the period, but the £110 is to keep.

Those benefits were fixed when the scheme was introduced in 1973, and unfortunately have never increased. Nevertheless, it will still buy a bit of furniture or meet the missing money necessary to achieve the purchase price.

The house and flat price limits, on the other hand, are updated regularly. The levels were last raised in December 1983 before the latest rise — but if the Government thinks that there has been no significant movement in market prices the levels remain fixed. The North-West's £20,200 limit was thus left unchanged in the latest review, and indeed that would still seem to be above the average price paid there.

Yorkshire and Humberside's prices and the Homeloan ceiling are both the lowest in the country with London's, not surprisingly, the most expensive. But don't complain that we have missed Northern Ireland off our map. The scheme does not apply there.

Given that it is almost impossible to buy a home without saving at least £1,000 for a year, anyone expecting to purchase in the middle future should register an account immediately. Even today's benefits are better than nothing and, who knows, in two years they may even have been raised.

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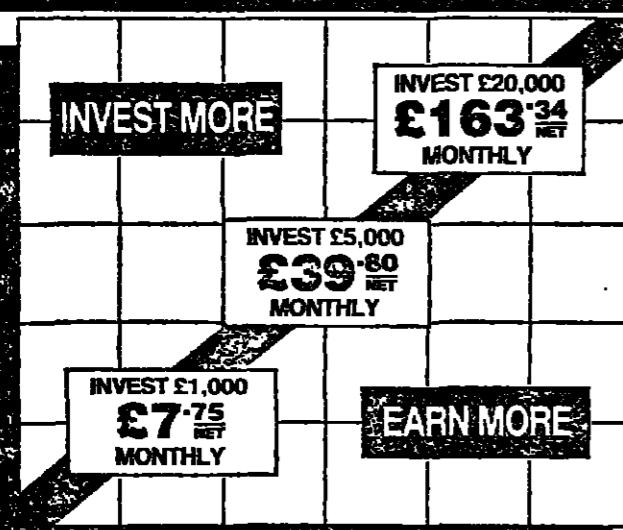
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EXPECT news soon of a new account from unit trust group Save & Prosper which will bring the interest-bearing cheque book within the reach of even ordinary mortals with only a few hundred pounds to invest.

The minimum initial investment in both the existing S & P High Interest and Premier High Interest cheque book accounts was cut to £1,000 in January.

But now S & P is planning a move to a more classic type of cheque book account that will pay interest, but could demand an initial deposit of only £500 from savers.

The big difference from S & P's existing Premier High Interest account will be the absence of an automatic un-

BANKING

Interest bearing cheque book accounts may soon require a smaller initial investment writes Gillian Barton.

Secured overdraft and lower than normal banking rates.

Automatic overdrafts are one of the features of a new cheque book account launched this week by Dunbar, the banking arm of the Allied Hambr group although at 13.26 p.c.

Dunbar's overdraft rates are

more expensive than S & P's at 13.26 p.c.

But S & P have found that while plenty of people qualify for their interest bearing current accounts on income terms, many have not been

suitable for the automatic overdraft limit of £3,500. S & P also wants to dissuade people from opening one of these accounts simply to take advantage of cheaper borrowing rates.

The company is putting the first touches to an account which will offer free cheque book facilities plus a rate of interest on deposits of £500 or more, together with a Visa card which will double up as a £50 cheque guarantee card. But there will be no automatic un-

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TABLE ONE

Company account	Nominal rate p.c.	True rate p.c.	Minimum cheque	Charges	Standing orders direct debits
Aitken Hume—Monthly Income	10.25	10.74	£250	None	No
Bank of Scotland—Money Market Cheque	10.10	10.58	£250	First 9 cheques per quarter free, then 50p each	No
Britannia—High Interest	10.37	10.88	£250	None	Yes
Charterhouse—Premium Sterling	10.25	10.75	None	First 15 cheques per quarter free, (1)	No
Dartington—Money Market	10.25	10.66	£500	None (2)	No
Dunbar—Master Account (3)	Below £1,000: 8.00 Over £1,000 10.50 £250: £2,500: 8.125 Over £2,500 10.125	8.30 8.29 11.00 8.29 10.38	£250	Basic charge of £2 a month. First 5 transactions free, then 30p each	Yes
Lombard N.C.—Cheque Savings				First 20 cheques free, then 25p per cheque	No
M&G—Kleinwort Benson High Interest	10.30	10.85	£200	None	No

TABLE TWO

Company/account	Nominal rate p.c.	True rate p.c.	Minimum cheque	Charges	Standing orders direct debits
Midland Bank—High Interest (4)	10.00	10.38	£200	None	Yes
Sav. & Prosper—High Interest	9.77	10.26	£250	None	No
Premier High Interest (5)	9.77	10.26	None	None	Yes
Schroder—Special Account					
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1960	1,953	2,008	1,129	1,248	1,127
1961	2,193	2,065	1,179	1,312	1,162
1962	2,282	1,979	1,208	1,382	1,197
1963	2,339	2,514	1,231	1,452	1,234
1964	2,799	2,470	1,290	1,526	1,271
1965	3,194	2,623	1,349	1,609	1,310
1966	3,056	2,472	1,399	1,699	1,350
1967	4,071	3,210	1,433	1,798	1,412
1968	5,589	4,278	1,517	1,906	1,476
1969	4,830	3,495	1,589	2,029	1,543
1970	4,753	3,054	1,714	2,163	1,614
1971	7,199	4,314	1,868	2,306	1,687
1972	9,450	4,633	2,011	2,458	1,784
1973	7,168	3,282	2,224	2,661	1,887
1974	5,020	1,651	2,650	2,906	1,995
1975	8,184	3,962	3,310	3,165	2,109
1976	8,004	3,859	3,809	3,437	2,270
1977	12,220	5,585	4,272	3,735	2,442
1978	13,630	5,590	4,632	4,032	2,627
1979	14,860	5,165	5,428	4,443	2,827
1980	20,081	6,160	6,249	4,993	3,066
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Sport...ON 5 PAGES**TEENOSO LAME: PIGGOTT RIDES QUEST IN 'ARC'**

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

ESTER PIGGOTT switched from one Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe favourite to another yesterday morning when Teenoso's injury and the claim on Pat Eddery for Sadler's Wells transferred Piggott to Rainbow Quest for tomorrow's big Longchamp race.

Teenoso had been 9-4 favourite until he was found in his off-foreleg on Thursday night. Veterinary advice yesterday morning was that he should not run. Teenoso now retires to the Highclere stud, near Newbury.

Pat Eddery, Steve Cauthen and Alain Lequeux have so far been the only jockeys to ride Rainbow Quest and Eddery was to have been on him tomorrow.

After long deliberation, Vincent O'Brien yesterday decided to run Sadler's Wells and it had previously been settled that Cauthen should replace Joe Mercer on Time Charter.

Piggott with two Arc wins on Almond and another on Rhein-

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TOMORROW	
4.25 LONGCHAMP	BBB C

TODAY'S NEWMARKET SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORE	FORM
1.45-Midnight Gun	1.45-Midnight Gun	
2.20-Carlingford Castle	2.20-Carlingford Castle	
3.0-NEWMARKET (cap):	3.0-LUCKY NORTH (cap):	
places, Tremblant	places, Tremblant	
and Vlute Toll	and King's Island	
5.5-Free Guest	5.5-Optimistic Lass	
4.5-Thatched	4.5-Saintreath	
4.5-Mutah El Farag	4.5-Mutah El Farag	
HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE -Carlingford Castle and Vlute.		
NEWMARKET NAP -Vlute (3.0).		
TONY STAFFORD -Tremblant (3.0).		

gold, needs one more to equal the record for this race held jointly by Freddie Head and the late Jacques Doyascore.

Rainbow Quest's low draw, not far from the inside rails, will be an advantage, provided Piggott can find a way through for the late challenge which is reckoned to suit this colt.

Rainbow Quest, down from 6-1 to 9-2 after Teenoso's withdrawal, was an easy York winner in August. He previously ran El Gran Senor to a length in the Irish Derby and was fourth in the St Leger, where they finished second and third to Daraah in the Prix du Jockey Club.

Sadler's Wells has since gained big-race victories in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes and Phoenix Champion Stakes, besides finishing second in the King and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot.

Victory for Sadler's Wells tomorrow would provide O'Brien's fourth Arc win, equaling the record totals of Charles Sembill, Francois Mathei and Alec Head.

English hopes

Caithness rode Time Charter to win the Champion Stakes at Epsom in June, Sir Princess and Lady Dancer. These three, who all ran well in last year's Arc, join Rainbow Quest as the English hopes tomorrow.

Dick Hern, who saddled Sun Princess to finish second to All Along 12 months ago, has now gone to Newmarket to train and El-Maana-Mai and fourth with Dunfermline.

Yves Saint-Martin, like Piggott, has ridden three Arc winners. Sagaro, his mount tomorrow, is no selection. This four-year-old will relish the heavy ground more than his stable-companion All Along.

Sagaro's easy Longchamp win four weeks ago showed that he has fully recovered from fracturing a small foot-bone in the spring, and he tackles the race as a relatively fresh horse.

The last five Arc winners have all been fillies, and it is likely that the French confidence behind Northern Trick, who won the Prix de Diane in June and beat the Oaks winner Circus Flume at Longchamp last month, is strong.

Princess Pat, the Irish Oaks

winner, has an inside draw which will favour her front-running tactics. Strawberry Road has come from Australia with a fine record and showed his mettle in Germany last month when winning the Grosser Preis von Baden.

Carriola, Freddie Head's mount, is not guaranteed to stay this distance but Arctic Lord will relish the stamina test and Estrapeade's recent Maisonneuve win showed her in fine form.

Wifla, today's nap for the William Hill Chariot Stakes at Newmarket, is a Yarmouth recently

provided Macarthur's Head.

Whatever his luck in the big handicap, I expect Lester to ride the Jockey Club Cup on Carlingford Castle, last year's Derby second.

Gildoros, the Ascot Gold Cup

and Goodwood Cup winner, disappointed at Carlingford Castle, has most to fear from Old Country, successful in the Jockey Club Cup last season.

Old Country's stable could well

take the Sun Chariot Stakes with Free Guest, easy winner of all her races this year.

BLINKERED RUNNERS

Horses wearing blinkers for the first time today are:

NEWMARKET: 3.55 Allisons.

HAYDOCK PARK: 2.00 Belotti: 3.35

3.35-NEWMARKET: 3.55 Domes

Streets, Midland, Vlute.

LINGFIELD: Park: 1.15 Eastern

1.20-TRAILER: 1.15 Eastern: 1.20

1.20-THATCHED: 1.15 Eastern: 1.20

1.20-CARLINGFORD: 1.15 Eastern: 1.20

1.20-NEWCASTLE: 1.15 Eastern: 1.20

1.20-THATCHED: 1.15 Eastern: 1.20

1.20-CARLINGFORD: 1.15 Eastern: 1.20

Damister lands Tree gamble

By MARLBOROUGH (John Oaksey)

JEREMY TREE followed up his Middle Park triumph with Bassenthwaite by saddling Prince-Khaled Abdulla's Damister to land a gamble in the Somerville Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

In a gallop last week, Damister went so well with Bassenthwaite that their trainer very nearly decided to miss the Middle Park altogether.

So when Bassenthwaite exploded the gloomy theory that he was "over the top" Damister's chance was underlined in gold.

He was still made to fight all the way—by another bang-in-form team that of Prince-Fahad Salman, Paul Cole and Richard Quinn.

Their High Top colt Highfire had never run before, but after Damister looked like taking cover, Highfire and Quinn compelled Pat Eddery to pull out all the stops close home.

The two owners involved in

this finish are both members of Saudi Arabia's ruling family and, with Rechen, Ward and now Highfire, Fahad Salman's two-year-old squadron entirely worthy of the famous Whatcombe Card to which his trainer Paul Cole will be moving next season.

Michael Stoute's broken toe has forced him to miss saddling a whole string of winners and horses whom he trains for Mr. Sangerster, who was too good for a field in the Westley Maiden Stakes 'Div 1'.

But although this success set the Newmarket dogs barking louder than ever about protest's stable-companion, Shadwell, he was beaten fair and square in the second division by Kala Dancer, a Nisiki colt whom Ben Huntley trains for Mr. Tikko.

The race featured the first appearance in public of Trojan Prince, the first yearling ever sold for more than a million guineas in this country. I am afraid we must wait a bit longer yet for concrete proof that he was worth it.

With the Longchamp going now certain to be heavy tomorrow, Teugels' 11-hour langerne is a particularly tragic misfortune for the Wraggs' Derby winner's owner Mr. Moller. Not

ing else in Sunday's field has, at

least in Europe, shown comparable form in such company.

The draw has done Time Charter no favours and will be a big handicap to the brilliant much-fancied French filly Northern Trick. On the other hand, Princess Patti, who loves to bowl along in front, had the perfect inside draw.

She will have several pace makers to keep her honest and although Princess Patti has never ridden in Paris before, both he and the Irish Oaks winner will have the rails to guide them all the way.

Congratulations to Mr. Sangerster and Vincent O'Brien on their sporting decision to run Sadler's Wells. No top horse has had a better draw in this year and there could be no more deserving winner. But for Sadler's Wells, as for Rainbow Quest I am afraid the ground may be just too heavy.

The Australian horse Strawberry Road is said to love the conditions and may be just the long shot of tomorrow morning.

If forced to choose two each-way bets, he and Princess Patti would be my suggestions and without a lot of confidence, I think Vintage Toll should at least reach the frame in the William Hill Cambridgeshire.

Time Charter... difficult outside draw.

CHEPSTOW PROGRAMME AND JOCKEYS

HOTSPUR

1.30—Don Giovanni
2.0—Atahao
2.30—Hy-Ke
3.0—Fontevchio
3.30—Middleton Sue
4.0—Marked Man

Advance Official Going: GOOD TO FIRM

1.30: GREYFRIARS NOVICES' CHASE Penalty Value £1,534 2m (9 declared)

2.0—OPO-110 BIG APPLE (Irl), P. Courtney, 9-10-13
2.30—HOTSPUR, L. Kennedy, 7-10-13
3.0—P-20 PALATINATE, D. N. Morris, 10-13-13
3.30—RIGHT CARD, P. G. Bailey, 6-10-13
4.0—ST 2002-03 WHITTINGTON, Mrs M. Esters, 6-10-13
5.0—OPO-029 RYAN, F. Winter, 9-10-12
5.30—MONKTON RILL, P. Duxbury, 5-10-12

6.0—S.P. FORECAST: Even Don Giovanni, 11-4 Flat, 30 others

2.0: MAIL ON SUNDAY HANDICAP HURDLE £2,142 21m (8)

2.30—1101/01 LUMEN (Irl), J. Gifford, 9-11-13
3.0—1112/01 ATAHAO, D. Parsons, 6-11-13
3.30—DROPSHOT (Irl), G. Baldwin, 6-10-13
4.0—22400-KADELLA, F. Hayes, 10-10-13
5.0—S.P. FORECAST: 4-0 ALARMING CO., Mrs M. Morris, 6-10-13

5.30—OPO-029 RYAN, F. Winter, 9-10-12
6.0—S.P. FORECAST: Even Don Giovanni, 11-4 Flat, 30 others

2.0: 230: MERCEDES BENZ HANDICAP CHASE £4,581 5m (10)

1.0—101/01 SEAMUS O'FLYNN (Irl), C. Holden, 9-11-13
2.0—05000-KING OF COUNTRY (Irl), D. Horne, 11-11-13
3.0—1112/01 D. GANDOLFO, T. O'Brien, 11-11-13
4.0—2024F-EASTER CARNIVAL (Irl), D. G. Baldwin, 8-11-13
5.0—F0FFP-029 BROADBEATH (Irl), M. D. Nicholson, 7-10-13
6.0—S.P. FORECAST: APPROVAL (Irl), J. Gifford, 13-10-13
7.0—343204- APPROVAL (Irl), J. Gifford, 10-10-13
8.0—149P-3 ROUND THE TWIST, T. Hallett, 5-10-13
9.0—215F-20 FREDVEL, P. G. Bailey, 9-10-13
10.0—S.P. FORECAST: 4-0 Pirate Son, 9-2 Fredvel, 5 My-Ko, 6 Seamus O'Flynn, 10-10-13
11.0—Broadcast, 10 Approaching, 12 King or Country, 14 others

2.0: 230: KENT MAIDEN STAKES (Div I—Part 1)

2.30: HOTSPUR Penalty Value £2,622 7f 140y (19 declared)

3.0—145—Truly Rare, 9-0
3.30—Lipstick, 9-0
4.0—Kidzare, 9-0
4.30—Pacifus, 9-0
4.50—Olahari, 9-0
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Today's Games

(Kick-off 3 unless stated)

CANON LGE—Div. I

1. Action Villa v Man. Utd
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3. Liverpool v W. Bromwich
4. Newcastle v Ipswich
5. Norwich v Chelsea
6. Nottingham Forest v Stoke
7. Q.P.R. v Luton
8. Sheff. Wed. v Sunderland
9. Southampton v Tottenham
10. Watford v Coventry
11. West Ham v Leicester

DIVISION II

12. Blackpool v Shrewsbury
13. Brighton v Birmingham
14. Cardiff v Portsmouth
15. Fulham v Bury
16. Grimsby v Oldham
17. Leeds v Sheff. Utd
18. Man. City v Oxford Utd
19. Middlesbrough v Charlton
20. Wimborne v Carlisle
21. Wolves v Notts Co.

DIVISION III

22. Bournemouth v Burnley
23. Bradford v Bradford C.
24. Bristol R. v Derby
25. Cambridge U. v Walsall
26. Gillingham v Millwall
27. Lincoln v Preston
28. Plymouth v Hull
29. Reading v Bolton
30. Swans v Orient
31. Wigan v Newport
32. York v Bristol C.

DIVISION IV

33. Blackpool v Aldershot
34. Bury v Southend (3.35)
35. Chester v Halifax
36. Chesterfield v Darlington
37. Colchester v Exeter (Postponed)
38. Hereford v Mansfield
39. Northampton v Scunthorpe
40. Port Vale v Crewe
41. Torquay v Wrexham
42. Tranmere v Hartlepool (3.15)

SOUTHERN LGE—Prem. Div.

43. Bedworth v Cheltenham
44. Chelmsford v King's Lynn
45. Gloucester v Gravesend
46. Hartlepool v Folkestone

SCOTTISH LGE—Prem. Div.

47. Celtic v Aberdeen
48. Dundee U. v Dunbar
49. Hearts v Rangers
50. Morton v Dundee

51. St. Mirren v Hibernian

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. I

52. Alloa v Motherwell
53. Brechin v Falkirk
54. Clyde v St. Johnstone
55. Clydebank v Ayr

56. Forfar v East Fife

57. Meadowbank v Kilmarnock

58. Partick Th. v Hamilton

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. II

59. Arbroath v Dunfermline
60. Cowdenbeath v Montrose
61. East Stirlingshire v Berwick
62. Queen of South v Queen's Park
63. Stenhousemuir v Raith
64. Stirling v Alloa

65. Stranraer v Ayr

Numbers as on PPA coupons.

TOMORROW

DIVISION II

66. Palace v Barnsley
67. Doncaster v Birmingham

DIVISION III

68. Walsall v Wrexham

DIVISION IV

69. Swindon v Peterborough

OPPORTUNITY FOR SPURS TO AVENGE FOREST

By MICHAEL CALVIN

FOOTBALL'S capacity simultaneously to delight and disturb was emphasised yesterday when Wrexham and Tottenham received contrasting European assignments.

Wrexham's enchanting emergence from the dispiriting depths of the Fourth Division will continue when Roma visit the Racecourse Ground for a gloriously unlikely Cup-Winners' Cup tie on Oct. 24.

The pairings

EUROPEAN CUP:

Dynamo Berlin v E. Germany v Austria

Levski Sofia v Belgrade v USSR

FC Porto v Monaco v Linfield

BELFAST:

Sparta Prague v Lyon v Dens

FC Porto v Belgrade v Belgrade

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CUP-WINNERS' CUP:

FC Porto v Belgrade v Lyon v Dens

FC Porto v Belgrade v Belgrade

British Women's Open Golf

OKAMOTO BEATS
CONDITIONS FOR
11-SHOT LEAD

By MICHAEL WILLIAMS

THERE would have been some justification if the Ladies Golf Union had presented Ayako Okamoto with the Hitachi British Women's Open Championship at Woburn yesterday without asking her to turn up for the formality of today's final round.

So dominant was the little Japanese, who improved on her two opening rounds of 71 with a 70, that she opened up a lead of no less than 11 strokes from the American, Pat Bradley.

This is the biggest advantage anyone has had on the American tour, of which this championship is now a part, this year, beating the nine strokes by which Patty Sheehan led after 54 holes in the L.P.G.A.

Indeed Miss Okamoto, who made light of the difficult, blustery conditions, is now in sight of an all-time record—the 14-stroke winning margin Louis Suggs set in the 1949 U.S. Open.

Another matter to think it over until she dropped two strokes in the last three holes which destroyed the prospect of her becoming the first player all week to score in the 60s.

That would have been an outstanding performance and reflected as much the excellence of her own game as the weakness of the challenge as only 56 of the 71 players managed to break 80.

The next best round of the day was a 72 by Laurie Rinker, of America, these being the only two players to beat par, though Miss Bradley matched it with a 73.

If the wind and cold contributed, Miss Okamoto nevertheless

Leading scores

224-A	Okamoto (Japan)	71	70	70
224-B	Reid (U.S.)	71	71	71
224-C	Niles (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-D	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-E	Shimizu (Japan)	71	72	72
224-F	McLellan (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-G	Ward (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-H	Ward (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-I	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-J	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-K	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-L	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-M	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-N	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-O	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-P	Johnson (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-Q	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-R	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-S	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-T	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-U	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-V	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-W	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-X	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-Y	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
224-Z	Radius (U.S.)	71	72	72
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TELEVISION—SATURDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

8.30 a.m. *The Perishers*, rpt. 8.35 *The Littlest Hobo*, rpt. 9 Saturday *Supertone*. 12.12 *Weather*.

12.15 **GRANDSTAND**—Including Football Focus at 12.30; News at 12.50; *Gold, the Ladies' British Open* from Woburn, 1.15-2.15; *Car Racing* from Donington Park for the 1.20, 2, 2.20 and 3 races; *Motor Racing*, saloon cars from Bathurst at 2.35, 2.5 and 2.35; *Show Jumping*—*The Horse of the Year Show* from Wembley at 3.5; Half-time at 3.50; Final Score at 4.40.

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BBC-2

8.30 a.m.-11.30 *Open University*, 3.10 p.m. "Girl of the Golden West" 1938, b/w; first of a series of Westerns. *Widow* by the late George Macrae and Nelson Eddy in the story, set in Canada, of a bandit on the run from the Mounties, with the same vague origins as the *Fucina* opera. Rather solemn, with Romberg music, and not one of the popular pair's best films.

9.10 **THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE**—George Thalberg, profile of the man who served 18 years in prison for a murder which he says he did not commit. (Molin-Briggs 1951).

9.30 **FREUD**—Madonna. Repeat of the fourth episode.

7.25 ***HAYDN IN LONDON**—The second programme presented by harpsichordist and conductor Christopher Hogwood, on the musical structures of the Austrian composer's visits to England in the 1790s.

8.20 **RUGBY SPECIAL**—Cardiff v Newport. Plus the weekend's rugby news.

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10.25-12.45 ***FIRST LOVE** (1977)—Campus love story with wild and crazy described as "sex, sex and more sex". One of four films with this title over the years, none of which seems to have any connection with the others. This one has good performances from William Katt and Susan Dey, plus John Heard, but is no light-hearted romp.

ITV London Weekend

6 a.m. *Good Morning Britain*: at 8.30 Star Date. 9.25 *Cartoon Time*, *Star Gazing*, *Robot*, rpt. The Saturday Starship. 11.20 *Mister T*, *Riddle of the Runaway Witch*, animated adventures. 11.45 *Catweazle*, rpt.

12.15 **WORLD OF SPORT**—Including *Wrestling* from Croydon at 12.20; *News* at 12.45; *On the Ball* at 12.50; *Boxing Report* at 1.15; *Racing* from Haydock for the 1.20, 2, 2.20 and 3 races; *Snooker*, semi-final from Newcastle at 3.10 and 4; Half-time soccer round-up at 3.45; Results at 4.45.

5.00 **NEWS AND SPORT**.

5.05 **THE KRANKIES KLUK**—With guests Bob Carolees and pop group Darque. Last of the current series.

5.35 **BLOCKBUSTERS**—Game show presented by Bob Holness.

6.05 **THE A-TEAM**: Chopping Spree. An unwise car thief makes off with B.A.'s van. When the team investigate a murder plot is revealed.

Channel 4

3 p.m. *Listening Eve*, rpt. 3.30 "That's Entertainment" (1974); yet another of those film compilations, an uneven collection from MGM musicals dragged down by too much commentary, but with undoubtedly highlights covering the years from 1932 to 1938. Starring Clark Gable, Esther Williams, Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, James Stewart, Cary Grant, Eleanor Powell and Gene Kelly who introduced a second film 12 years later. 4.30 *Evolution*, animated film, 5.30 *Brookside*, rpt.

6.00 **DANGER MAN**—Find and Return, Repeat, b/w.

6.30 **ROCK IN AMERICA**—Another shower of video music and comedy but the presenter, Rick Ducommun, is rather a pain in the neck, not quite as lovable or funny as the producers claim.

7.00 **REVELATIONS**—Kenneth Williams. Talking with Eric Robson about something that happened to him in Ceylon in 1946. Nothing to do with me, though I was there at the time. Preceded by *News and Weather*.

7.30 **UNION WORLD**—The Spectre of Ebbw Vale. Anne Lester examines what happened after steel

workers, ten years ago, were persuaded to accept redundancies with promises of new jobs. Only one-fifth of the jobs are left. How does this relate to miners and the new NCB Enterprise, a similar idea?

8.00 **TENNIS**—British Championships from Telford.

9.00 **CALLAN**—The Carrier. Repeat.

10.30 **A FRAME WITH DAVIS**—Steve Davis with Max Bovce and Norman Wisdom. Last of the series.

10.30 **"THE LIST OF ADRIAN MESSENGER"** (1965, b/w)—George C. Scott in yet another film, now as a retired "British" intelligence agent after multiple murderer, Kirk Douglas: rather "camped up" comedy thriller with many stars making appearances as suspects with red herrings, some in "drag".

12.20-12.35 **SCOTLAND YARD**—*The Strange Case of Blondie Old*, 1954, short film in that series directed by Edgar Lustgarten, with Russell Napier as the inspector, here chasing a female burglar.

** Outstanding. * Recommended.



Nelson Piquet, of Brazil, fastest in the opening practice round yesterday

Motor Rallying

Vatanen first in San Remo

Ari Vatanen, of Finland, and Terry Harryson, of Britain, in a Peugeot 205, won the San Remo Rally yesterday after fighting off a late challenge by Lancia drivers on the final, rain-swept stage.

He set off in the Thursday night from the 250-mile round trip from San Remo with an advantage of nearly five minutes over Walter Rohrl, of West Germany, in the last Audi left in the week-long rally.

Yesterday through the night drive Rohrl, who came from a slalom road near Perinaldo, injured his left hand and was forced to abandon the race. "Visibility was down to zero," Rohrl said. "We were aquaplaning for up to 80 metres in some stretches."

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Lauda, 102 points ahead of Hunt and recovered completely from a foot injury incurred here. Hunt, who had kept his cool as he led his race car and his spare car problems in the morning session, but ran into further problems in the qualifying session and 13th fastest, so far must be considered, though his only concern seems to be dental.

Derek Warwick, third fastest to date for Renault, but his teammate, Derek Warwick, is disappointed with seventh place after finding it difficult to hold third place.

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8.40 **DYNASTY**—The Hearing, part one. And Blake is aware just how much is at stake in the trial. For Kirby things go from bad to worse. (Cefax sub-titles.)

9.25 **WOGAN**—Terry Wogan with guests.

10.15 **NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER**.

10.30 **MATCH OF THE DAY SPECIAL**—Not just highlights from two First Division matches but the climax of "The House of the Year Show" from Wembley.

12.00 **THE STOOLIE** (1971)—Uneven but interesting story of American low life with Jackie Gleason as a small police informer who nips off to Miami with a large sum from the New York police department with the intention of trying the high life and retiring. Partly a love story, partly a tale of the underworld. 1.25 *Weather*.

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ITV REGIONS

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12.15-12.45 **The Challengers**: *The Shark Suit*. Night diver tests a steel mesh suit designed to protect a swimmer from a shark attack.

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